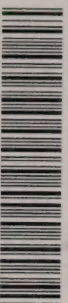



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NEB TO REVIEW DECISION ON TRANSCANADA BLACK RIVER EXTENSION

CALGARY - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing to review a 1991 decision that denied an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited to extend a pipeline, the Black River Extension, in southwestern Ontario.

The proposed extension would add about 250 kilometres of pipeline which would cross from the Lake Huron area in the Black River, Sand Lake and Gravel Lake Creeches on the Niagara River, where it would connect with the proposed Empire State Pipeline in New York State. The Extension would be about 140.3 kilometres.

TransCanada's application to build the Black River Extension was rejected by the Board in a decision dated July 11, 1991. The decision followed an April 11, 1991 report by the Board's Panel of Experts which found that the proposed extension would be subject to the same environmental and safety standards as the existing pipeline. The Board's decision was based on the Board's finding that the proposed extension would not be subject to the same standards as the existing pipeline.

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The report by the Panel was followed by a decision by the Board's Board of Directors, dated July 11, 1991, which the Board approved the Empire State Pipeline project, subject to a condition of approval by TransCanada PipeLines Company. TransCanada's system connects to TransCanada's existing line across the Niagara River.

In their application for review, TransCanada, Black River Extension, and the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors, dated July 11, 1991, stated that the Board's decision was a denial of the extension of the Board's decision.

In the light of the Board's decision and the Board's decision of the Board's Board of Directors, the Board's decision dated July 11, 1991, is a denial of the extension of the Board's decision, and the Board's decision dated July 11, 1991, is a denial of the extension of the Board's decision.

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NEB TO REVIEW DECISION ON TRANSCANADA BLACKHORSE EXTENSION

CALGARY - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing to review a 1991 decision that denied an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited to construct a pipeline, known as the Blackhorse Extension, in southwestern Ontario.

The proposed extension consists of some 20.6 kilometres of pipeline which would extend from its Kirkwall Line at the Blackhorse Sales Meter Station in Ontario to near Chippawa on the Niagara River, where it would connect with the proposed Empire State Pipeline in New York State. The Extension would be built at a cost of \$42.3 million.

TransCanada's application to build the Blackhorse Extension was examined by the Board in a public hearing in April and May 1991. In its decision released on July 4, the Board found that the markets proposed to be served by the Extension could be served by less expensive and environmentally superior means in a timely fashion through the expansion of TransCanada's existing Niagara line. The Board determined, therefore, that the proposed facilities were not required.

The request for review stemmed from a decision of the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, announced on July 9, whereby the FERC approved the Empire State Pipeline project, rejecting a rival proposal by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. Tennessee's system connects to TransCanada's existing line across the Niagara River.

In their application for review, TransCanada, ANR Pipeline Company, Rochester & Electric Corporation, and St. Clair Pipelines Limited argued that the release of the FERC decision raised a doubt as to the correctness of the Board's decision.

In the light of the FERC decision and following receipt of comments from interested parties, the Board has determined that a review of its 1991 decision is warranted because of changed circumstances, and has decided to proceed with the review by means of a public hearing. Information on the public hearing schedule and procedures will be issued shortly.

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APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH SNIDER AS GENERAL COUNSEL AND OF RICHARD GRAW AS ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

CALGARY - The appointments of Judith Snider to the position of General Counsel and of Richard Graw to the position of Assistant General Counsel of the National Energy Board (NEB) were announced today by Board Chairman Roland Priddle.

As General Counsel, Ms. Snider is responsible for managing the functions of the Law Branch of the NEB, which Branch provides legal advice to the Board in the exercise of its statutory jurisdiction and the conduct of its public hearings. Additionally, she and other lawyers with the NEB represent the Board in appeals and judicial reviews of its decisions and jurisdiction before the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prior to joining the NEB, Ms. Snider practised law as a partner with the Calgary law firm of Code Hunter. Since joining that firm in 1983, Ms. Snider specialized in law relating to the oil and gas industry, particularly in the area of regulatory affairs. Ms. Snider holds a law degree from the University of Calgary and a Bachelor of Science degree from Carleton University.

Mr. Graw supports the General Counsel in the management of the NEB Law Branch by conducting Board hearings, providing legal advice to the Board, and assisting in the preparation of legislation, regulations and reports.

Mr. Graw has served as legal counsel to the Board for six years and has extensive administrative law experience in energy related matters. He also has broad-based experience in general practice as a litigation lawyer and managing partner of a six-member law firm in Ottawa. Mr. Graw, who is originally from Calgary, obtained his law degree from Queen's University.

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NEB RECEIVES FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received applications from Enserch Development Corporation, L.P., Husky Oil Operations Ltd., Kamine Natural Dam Cogen Co. Inc., Petro-Canada, and TransCanada PipeLines Limited for licences to export natural gas.

Enserch, on behalf of Encogen Northwest, requested a 15-year licence to export some 271 800 cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be used to partially fuel a gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration plant to be constructed near Bellingham, Washington.

Husky requested a licence for 17 years and 3 months to export some 366 200 cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Kamine/Besicorp as managing general partner of Kamine/Besicorp Natural Dam L.P., requested a 15-year licence to export some 339 750 cubic metres (12 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Iroquois, Ontario. The gas would be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located at the site of the James River paper mill in Natural Dam, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Petro-Canada requested a licence for 17 years and 3 months to export some 409 600 cubic metres (14.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be used to partially fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.



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TransCanada requested a licence for 13 years and 9 months to export some 2 785 000 cubic metres (98.35 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Emerson, Manitoba. The gas would be used by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership as compressor fuel and associated gas. The purpose of the application is to replace a licence which expired on 31 October 1991.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedures to be followed to deal with the applications.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more information.

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**BACKGROUNDER
NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS**

**ENSERCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF
ENCOGEN NORTHWEST, L.P.**

Importer:	Encogen Northwest, L.P.	
Term:	Commencing the later of 1 April 1993 or the date of first deliveries under the gas purchase contract and continuing for 15 years.	
Export Point:	Huntingdon, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	271 800 cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	99.1 million cubic metres (3.5 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 441.3 million cubic metres (50.9 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.
	In the U.S.:	From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Northwest Pipeline Corporation to the facilities of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation which will transport the gas to Bellingham, Washington.
Market:	To be used by Encogen to partially fuel a natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility to be located in Bellingham, Washington.	
New Facilities Required:	No	

HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LTD.

Importer:	Tenaska Gas Co.
Term:	Commencing as early as 1 October 1993, but no later than 31 October 1995 and ending on 31 December of the 17th year following

commencement of exports under the licence, but no later than 31 December 2011.

Export Point: Huntingdon, British Columbia

Maximum Daily Quantity: 366 200 cubic metres
(13 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 133.7 million cubic metres
(4.745 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 2 306.6 million cubic metres
(81.9 billion cubic feet)

Transportation: **In Canada:** Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.

In the U.S.: From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to Ferndale, Washington.

Market: The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located near Ferndale, Washington.

New Facilities Required: Cascade and Westcoast will require new facilities.

**KAMINE NATURAL DAM COGEN CO. INC. AS MANAGING GENERAL
PARTNER OF KAMINE/BESICORP NATURAL DAM L.P.**

Importer: Kamine/Besicorp Natural Dam L.P.

Term: 1 November 1993 to 31 October 2008

Export Point: Iroquois, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity: 339 750 cubic metres
(12 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 117.8 million cubic metres
(4.16 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 767.1 million cubic metres
(62.42 billion cubic feet)

Transportation: **In Canada:** NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas

within Alberta and TransGas Limited will transport the gas within Saskatchewan. TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Iroquois.

In the U.S.:

From Iroquois the gas will be transported by Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P. Edwards, New York. From Edwards St. Lawrence Gas Company Inc. will transport the gas to Natural Dam, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Market:

The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located at the site of the James River paper mill in Natural Dam, New York.

New Facilities Required:

TransCanada will require new facilities.

PETRO-CANADA

Importer:

Tenaska Gas Co.

Term:

1 October 1993 to the earlier of either 31 December of the 17th year after commencement of commercial operations of the cogeneration facility or 31 December 2011.

Export Point:

Huntingdon, British Columbia

Maximum Daily Quantity:

409 600 cubic metres
(14.4 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity:

A volume not exceeding the product of the number of days during the 12 month period which the licence subsisted and 409 600 cubic metres (14.4 million cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:

2 580.9 million cubic metres
(91.1 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada:

Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.

	In the U.S.:	From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to Ferndale, Washington.
Market:	The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located near Ferndale, Washington.	
New Facilities Required:	Cascade and Westcoast will require new facilities	

TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED

Importer:	Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.	
Term:	1 February 1992 to 31 October 2005	
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	2 785 000 cubic metres (98.35 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	875 million cubic metres (30.9 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	12 035 million cubic metres (424.9 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	TransCanada will transport the gas in Canada.
	In the U.S.:	Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership will transport the gas in the United States.
Market:	The gas will be used by Great Lakes as fuel and certain other company use.	
New Facilities Required:	No	

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**National Energy Board
Calgary, Canada, T2P 3H2**

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**For Immediate Release
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NEB TO HEAR WESTCOAST TOLL APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. for new tolls for the transportation of natural gas beginning 1 January 1992. The hearing will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia beginning Monday, 30 March 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hasting Room of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel at 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver.

Westcoast's application would result in a toll increase of 5.2 percent for a typical service movement through all zones of the Westcoast system to the point of export to the United States.

The company is requesting approval for a 16.3-percent increase in its cost of service, from \$311.7 million to \$362.6 million, and a 29-percent increase in rate base, from \$895 million to \$1 158 million. The company bases its increase on capital projects completed in 1991 and construction which the company intends to undertake during 1992.

Westcoast is requesting a return on common equity of 13.75 percent, the same rate as that authorized by the Board for the company in 1991.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories to the lower mainland and to the international boundary near Huntingdon and Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB SETS DATE TO REVIEW DECISION ON TRANSCANADA BLACKHORSE EXTENSION

CALGARY - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing, beginning on May 11, 1992 at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, to review a 1991 decision that denied an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited to construct a pipeline, known as the Blackhorse Extension, in southwestern Ontario.

The proposed facilities, estimated to cost \$42.4 million, would involve the construction of a 20.6-kilometre pipeline extending from the Blackhorse metering station near Thorold, Ontario to a new export point at Chippawa, Ontario. The facilities would allow TransCanada to provide export service to the proposed Empire Pipeline which would in turn provide service to customers in western New York.

In its May hearing, the Board will incorporate by reference the record from the 1991 hearing and hear evidence to update the record. Parties who filed an intervention in the 1991 proceeding will be automatically considered intervenors in the review hearing unless the Board is otherwise notified. Anyone else wishing to intervene in the hearing is required to file an intervention by February 28, 1992. Letters of comment are required to be filed by April 6, 1992.

In order to assist parties in their understanding of the hearing process, Board staff will hold a pre-hearing public information meeting at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls beginning at 7 p.m. on April 7, 1991.

Copies of the application and the complete record from the 1991 proceeding are available for viewing at the TransCanada and National Energy Board offices in Calgary as well as at the Niagara Falls Public Library and its Chippawa Branch, and at the Thorold Public Library.

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**NEB SCHEDULES A HEARING ON THIRTEEN APPLICATIONS FOR
NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND ONE APPLICATION TO
TRANSFER A LICENCE**

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing applications from 13 companies for licences to export natural gas and one application to transfer a gas export licence.

The hearing will commence on Tuesday, 21 April 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The Board also has before it applications for licences to export gas at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The Board intends to deal with these in the near future.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are described below.

AG-Energy, L.P. requested a licence for 15 years and two months to export some 467 400 cubic metres (16.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Iroquois, Ontario. The gas would be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in the City of Ogdensburg, New York.

Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc. is requesting a 10-year licence to export some 273 900 cubic metres (9.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Huntingdon, British Columbia, would be used by Washington Natural Gas Company as system supply. Washington Natural is a local distribution company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial consumers in northwest Washington, including Seattle and Tacoma.

Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Company is seeking a 15-year licence to export some 1.4 million cubic metres (50 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Aden, Alberta, would be used as system supply by Montana Power Company to serve its customers in the western two-thirds of Montana.

CanWest Gas Supply Inc. is seeking a 12-year licence to export some 2.6 million cubic metres (92 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be sold to Northwest Natural Gas Company for system supply. Northwest Natural is a local distribution company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in the States of Oregon and Washington.



Enserch Development Corporation, on behalf of Encogen Northwest, L.P. requested a 15-year licence to export some 272 thousand cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be used to partially fuel a gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration plant to be constructed near Bellingham, Washington.

Esso Resources Canada Limited ("ERCL"), Esso Resources Canada ("ERC"), Transco Energy Marketing Company ("TEMCO") and CanStates Gas Marketing ("CSGM"), in a joint application, applied to the Board for:

- (a) approval of the transfer by ERCL and TEMCO of gas export Licence GL-136 to TEMCO, GasTrade Inc., ANG Resource Marketing Ltd. and 375660 Alberta Ltd. carrying on business together in partnership under the name CSGM;
- (b) approval of the assignment by ERC to CSGM of all of ERC's interest in a Gas Sale Contract dated 11 December 1980, as amended, which is currently between ERC and TEMCO; and
- (c) approval of certain amendments to the Gas Sale Contract as set out in an agreement between TEMCO, CSGM and Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. dated 30 August 1991.

Licence GL-136 authorizes the export of a maximum daily volume of 2 125 000 cubic metres (75 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Niagara Falls, Ontario. The gas is sold to TEMCO for resale to three U.S. local distribution companies.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. requested a licence for 17 years and 3 months to export some 366 thousand cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Kamine Natural Dam Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of Kamine/Besicorp Natural Dam L.P., requested a 15-year licence to export some 340 thousand cubic metres (12 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Iroquois, Ontario. The gas would be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located at the site of the James River paper mill in Natural Dam, St. Lawrence County, New York

Three applications were filed from **Makowski Selkirk, Inc., on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P.**. They have been filed jointly with **ATCOR Ltd., Esso Resources Canada Limited and Pan Canadian Petroleum Limited**. Selkirk and the three joint applicants are requesting three licences to export some 1.6 million cubic metres (55 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day over a 15-year period. The gas would be exported at Iroquois, Ontario and would be used by Selkirk to produce electricity at its gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration power plant to be located in Selkirk, New York.

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation is requesting a 12 licence to export some 255 thousand cubic metres (9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Napierville, Quebec, Niagara Falls, Iroquois and Chippawa, Ontario. The gas will be used to serve NYSEG's new franchise areas in Clinton County, New York.

Petro-Canada requested a licence for 17 years and 3 months to export some 410 thousand cubic metres (14.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Huntingdon,

British Columbia. The gas would be used to partially fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

TransCanada PipeLines Limited requested a licence for 13 years and 9 months to export some 2 785 000 cubic metres (98.35 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Emerson, Manitoba. The gas would be used by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership as compressor fuel and associated gas. The purpose of the application is to replace a licence which expired on 31 October 1991.

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BACKGROUNDER

GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GH-1-92

AG-ENERGY, L.P.

Importer:	AG-Energy, L.P.	
Term:	1 September 1993 to 31 October 2008	
Export Point:	Iroquois, Ontario	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	467 400 cubic metres (16.5 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	170.6 million cubic metres (6 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 535 million cubic metres (89.5 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta and TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas from Empress to Iroquois, Ontario.
	In the U.S.:	From Iroquois, Iroquois Gas Transmission will transport the gas to the interconnection with the St. Lawrence Gas Company near Lisbon, New York. St. Lawrence will then transport the gas to the AG-Energy facility.
Market:	The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be located in the City of Ogdensburg, New York.	
New Facilities Required:	No	

CANADIAN HYDROCARBONS MARKETING INC.

Importer:	Washington Natural Gas Company	
Term:	1 November 1992 to 31 October 2002	
Export Point:	Huntingdon, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	273 900 cubic metres (9.7 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	100 million cubic metres (3.5 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 000.3 million cubic metres (35.3 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	The gas will be delivered by Westcoast Energy Inc. to Huntingdon, British Columbia.
	In the U.S.:	The gas will be delivered from Huntingdon by Northwest Pipeline Corporation to Washington Natural's market.
Market:	Washington Natural will use the gas as system supply. Washington Natural is a local distribution Company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial consumers in northwest Washington, including Seattle and Tacoma.	
New Facilities Required:	New facilities will be required on Westcoast's system.	

CANADIAN-MONTANA PIPE LINE COMPANY

Importer:	Montana Power Company
Term:	1 November 1991 to 31 October 2006
Export Point:	Aden, Alberta
Maximum Daily Quantity:	1 416 000 cubic metres (50 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	283.3 million cubic metres (10 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 4 249 million cubic metres
(150 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada: Canadian-Montana will transport the gas to Aden, Alberta.

In the U.S.: Montana Power will transport the gas in the U.S.

Market: The gas will be used as system supply by Montana Power. Montana Power provides services to some 100,000 customers in the western two-thirds of Montana. It serves residential, commercial and industrial customers and local distribution companies.

New Facilities Required: No

CANWEST GAS SUPPLY INC.

Importer: Northwest Natural Gas Company

Term: Commencing on first delivery and continuing for 12 years.

Export Point: Huntingdon, British Columbia

Maximum Daily Quantity: 2 606 000 cubic metres
(92 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 952 million cubic metres
(34 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 11 415 million cubic metres
(403 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada: Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon, British Columbia.

In the U.S.: The gas will be delivered from Huntingdon by Northwest Pipeline Corporation to Northwest Natural's facilities in Washington and Oregon.

Market: The gas will be used as system supply by Northwest Natural. Northwest Natural is a local distribution

company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in Oregon and Washington.

New facilities required: No

**ENSERCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ON BEHALF OF
ENCOGEN NORTHWEST, L.P.**

Importer: Encogen Northwest, L.P.

Term: Commencing the later of 1 April 1993 or the date of first deliveries under the gas purchase contract and continuing for 15 years.

Export Point: Huntingdon, British Columbia

Maximum Daily Quantity: 271 800 cubic metres
(9.6 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 99.1 million cubic metres
(3.5 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 441.3 million cubic metres
(50.9 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada: Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.

In the U.S.: From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Northwest Pipeline Corporation to the facilities of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation which will transport the gas to Bellingham, Washington.

Market: To be used by Encogen to partially fuel a natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility to be located in Bellingham, Washington.

New Facilities Required: No

HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LTD.

Importer: Tenaska Gas Co.

Term:	Commencing as early as 1 October 1993, but no later than 31 October 1995 and ending on 31 December of the 17th year following commencement of exports under the licence, but no later than 31 December 2011.	
Export Point:	Huntingdon, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	366 200 cubic metres (13 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	133.7 million cubic metres (4.745 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 306.6 million cubic metres (81.9 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.
	In the U.S.:	From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to Ferndale, Washington.
Market:	The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located near Ferndale, Washington.	
New Facilities Required:	Cascade and Westcoast will require new facilities.	

**KAMINE NATURAL DAM COGEN CO. INC. AS MANAGING GENERAL
PARTNER OF KAMINE/BESICORP NATURAL DAM L.P.**

Importer:	Kamine/Besicorp Natural Dam L.P.
Term:	1 November 1993 to 31 October 2008
Export Point:	Iroquois, Ontario
Maximum Daily Quantity:	339 750 cubic metres (12 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	117.8 million cubic metres (4.16 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 767.1 million cubic metres (62.42 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada:

NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta and TransGas Limited will transport the gas within Saskatchewan. TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Iroquois.

In the U.S.:

From Iroquois the gas will be transported by Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P. Edwards, New York. From Edwards St. Lawrence Gas Company Inc. will transport the gas to Natural Dam, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Market:

The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located at the site of the James River paper mill in Natural Dam, New York.

New Facilities Required:

TransCanada will require new facilities.

**MAKOWSKI SELKIRK, INC., ON BEHALF OF SELKIRK COGEN PARTNERS
II, L.P. AND ATCOR LTD.**

Importer:

Makowski Selkirk, Inc. on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P.

Term:

Later of 1 June 1994 or the date firm transportation is available for the full volume purchased on the pipeline systems of NOVA Corporation of Alberta, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Iroquois Gas Transmission and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and shall extend for 15 years.

Export Point:

Iroquois, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity:

479 000 cubic metres
(17 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity:

176 million cubic metres
(6.21 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:

2 712 million cubic metres
(95.75 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada:

NOVA Corporation of Alberta will deliver the gas to Empress, Alberta. Within

Saskatchewan the gas will be transported by TransGas Limited. TransCanada will transport the gas to Iroquois, Ontario.

In the U.S.:

The gas will be delivered from Iroquois to Wright, New York by Iroquois Gas and from Wright to Selkirk, New York by Tennessee Gas.

Market:

To be used by Selkirk to produce electricity and steam in Selkirk's gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration power plant to be located in Selkirk, New York.

New Facilities Required:

New facilities will be required on the TransCanada, the Iroquois Gas and Tennessee Gas pipeline systems.

MAKOWSKI SELKIRK, INC., ON BEHALF OF SELKIRK COGEN PARTNERS II, L.P. AND ESSO RESOURCES CANADA

Importer:

Makowski Selkirk, Inc. on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P.

Term:

Later of 1 June 1994 or the date firm transportation is available for the full volume purchased on the pipeline systems of NOVA Corporation of Alberta, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Iroquois Gas Transmission and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and shall extend for 15 years.

Export Point:

Iroquois, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity:

538 200 cubic metres
(19 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity:

196.6 million cubic metres
(6.94 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:

3 031 million cubic metres
(107 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada:

NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas to Empress, Alberta and TransCanada will transport it to Iroquois, Ontario.

In the U.S.: The gas will be delivered from Iroquois to Wright, New York by Iroquois Gas and from Wright to Selkirk, New York by Tennessee Gas.

Market: To be used by Selkirk to produce electricity and steam in Selkirk's gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration power plant to be located in Selkirk, New York.

New Facilities Required: New facilities will be required on the TransCanada, the Iroquois Gas and the Tennessee Gas pipeline systems.

MAKOWSKI SELKIRK, INC., ON BEHALF OF SELKIRK COGEN PARTNERS II, L.P. AND PANCANADIAN PETROLEUM LIMITED

Importer: Makowski Selkirk, Inc. on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P.

Term: Later of 1 June 1994 or the date firm transportation is available for the full volume purchased on the pipeline systems of NOVA Corporation of Alberta, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Iroquois Gas Transmission and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and shall extend for 15 years.

Export Point: Iroquois, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity: 538 200 cubic metres
(19 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 196.6 million cubic metres
(6.94 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 3 301 million cubic metres
(107 billion cubic feet)

Transportation: **In Canada:** The gas will be delivered by NOVA Corporation of Alberta to Empress, Alberta and from there TransCanada will transport it to Iroquois, Ontario.

In the U.S.: The gas will be delivered from Iroquois to Wright, New York by Iroquois Gas and from Wright to Selkirk, New York by Tennessee Gas.

Market: To be used by Selkirk to produce electricity and steam in Selkirk's gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration power plant to be located in Selkirk, New York.

New Facilities Required: New facilities will be required on the TransCanada, the Iroquois Gas and the Tennessee Gas pipeline systems.

NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION

Importer: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

Term: Commencing on the date that deliveries commence under the Gas Purchase Agreement and shall extend for a term of 12 years following the first day of the first month succeeding such date.

Export Point: Napierville, Quebec, Niagara Falls, Iroquois and Chippawa, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity: 255 000 cubic metres
(9 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 93.1 million cubic metres
(3.3 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 117 million cubic metres
(39.6 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada: NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to the Alberta/Saskatchewan border near Empress, Alberta. From Empress to the four exports points, TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas.

In the U.S.: From the export points, the gas will be transported by North Country Gas Pipeline Corporation to the New York State Electric & Gas Corporation franchise area.

Market: The gas will be used as system supply to serve New York State Electric & Gas' new franchise areas in Clinton County, New York.

New Facilities Required: TransCanada, North Country Gas Pipeline Corporation and New York State Electric & Gas will require new facilities.

PETRO-CANADA

Importer: Tenaska Gas Co.

Term: 1 October 1993 to the earlier of either 31 December of the 17th year after commencement of commercial operations of the cogeneration facility or 31 December 2011.

Export Point: Huntingdon, British Columbia

Maximum Daily Quantity: 409 600 cubic metres
(14.4 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: A volume not exceeding the product of the number of days during the 12 month period which the licence subsisted and 409 600 cubic metres (14.4 million cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 2 580.9 million cubic metres
(91.1 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada: Westcoast Energy Inc. will transport the gas to Huntingdon.

In the U.S.: From Huntingdon the gas will be transported by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to Ferndale, Washington.

Market: The gas will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located near Ferndale, Washington.

New Facilities Required: Cascade and Westcoast will require new facilities

TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED

Importer: Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.

Term: 1 February 1992 to 31 October 2005

Export Point: Emerson, Manitoba

Maximum Daily Quantity: 2 785 000 cubic metres
(98.35 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 875 million cubic metres
(30.9 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 12 035 million cubic metres
(424.9 billion cubic feet)

Transportation:

In Canada:	TransCanada will transport the gas in Canada.
In the U.S.:	Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership will transport the gas in the United States.

Market: The gas will be used by Great Lakes as fuel and certain other company use.

New Facilities Required: No

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Calgary, Canada, T2P 3H2

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For Immediate Release
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NEB TO HEAR WESTCOAST'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT THE TOMMY LAKES PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. to construct a pipeline known as the "Tommy Lakes Pipeline". The hearing will be held Room Peace 1 of the Alexander MacKenzie Inn, 9223 - 100th Street, Fort St. John, British Columbia beginning Tuesday, 24 March 1992 at 8:30 a.m.

Westcoast proposes to construct a 60.4-kilometre long pipeline extension to the Fort St. John gas gathering system to transport raw gas to Westcoast's Jedney pipeline for ultimate delivery to the McMahon Plant. The proposed pipeline would extend north from the Bubbles Compressor Station on the Fort St. John raw gas transmission system to a tie-in location in the eastern segment of the Tommy Lakes Field.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories to the lower mainland and to the international boundary near Huntingdon and Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB APPROVES MURPHY OIL PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Murphy Oil Company Ltd. of Calgary to construct a heavy oil pipeline from Milk River, Alberta to the U.S. border crossing point near Coutts.

Construction of the 17-kilometre long pipeline will include one oil storage tank and two pump units. The project will cost approximately \$2.6 million.

The pipeline will join at Milk River with a pipeline to be built by Bow River Pipe Lines Ltd. It will move approximately 3 200 cubic metres (112 thousand cubic feet) to 4 800 cubic metres (169 thousand cubic feet) of additional crude oil daily south to the Conoco refinery at Billings, Montana.

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News Release

**National Energy Board
Calgary, Canada, T2P 3H2**

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**For Immediate Release
23 March 1992**

NEB APPROVES SIX APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued eight licences for the export of some 9.1 million cubic metres (321 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The Board issued one licence to each of Mobil Oil Canada, Ltd., Unigas Corporation, and Western Gas Marketing Limited, as agent for Northern Minnesota Utilities, a Division of Utilicorp United Inc., and five licences to Western Gas Marketing Limited.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 25, 26 and 27 June 1991 in Calgary, Alberta. During the hearing, the Board also considered applications for export from Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd., Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd., North Canadian Marketing Inc./East Georgia Cogeneration (Vermont) Limited Partnership, ProGas Limited, and Shell Canada Limited. The Board decided to issue its Decision on six of the applications at this time because the applicants had requested licences with a commencement date of 1 November 1991. The Board will issue its Decisions on the remainder of the applications as soon as possible.

The Board issued licences to the following companies:

Mobil Oil Canada, Ltd. to export at Emerson, Manitoba 563 540 cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 31 October 2000. The gas will be sold to Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp., an interstate pipeline company, which in turn will sell the gas to local distribution companies (LDC) in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

Unigas Corporation to export at Monchy, Saskatchewan 2 820 000 cubic metres (100 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 1 November 2001. The gas will be sold to Northern Natural to serve its LDC customers.

Western Gas Marketing Limited (three licences)

- (a) to export at Emerson, Manitoba 1 346 000 cubic metres (47.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending on 31 October 2001. The gas will be sold to Northern Natural to serve its LDC customers.
- (b) to export at Emerson, Manitoba 1 416 000 cubic metres (50 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 31 March 1996. The gas will be sold to Northern Natural to serve its LDC customers.
- (c) to export at Monchy, Saskatchewan 708 000 cubic metres (25 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 31 October 2001. The gas will be sold to Northern Natural to serve its LDC customers.



Western Gas Marketing Limited, as agent for Northern Minnesota Utilities, a Division of Utilicorp United Inc., to export at Sprague, Manitoba and Fort Frances, Ontario 917 800 cubic metres (32.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day to Northern Minnesota Utilities for the period ending 31 October 2002. Northern Minnesota Utilities is a local distribution company in the state of Minnesota. The majority of the gas, 850 000 cubic metres (30 million cubic feet) per day would be sold to the Boise Cascade Corporation paper mill at International Falls, Minnesota. The remainder would be used as system supply. In order to serve this market, the gas must be exported at Sprague, imported at Rainy River, Ontario and re-exported at Fort Frances. To accommodate this arrangement, the Board has decided to issue a licence which will facilitate the initial export, and an accompanying order to facilitate the import and re-export described above.

Western Gas Marketing Limited to export at Emerson, Manitoba 283 000 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day to Northern Minnesota Utilities for the period ending 1 May 2001. The gas will be used by Northern Minnesota Utilities as system supply.

Western Gas Marketing Limited to export at Philipsburg, Quebec to Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 906 000 cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Vermont will use the gas as system supply to serve its customers in northwestern Vermont.

The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 31 billion cubic metres (1.1 trillion cubic feet). All licences require the approval of the Governor in Council before they come into effect.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached Backgrounder for more information.

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BACKGROUNDER

APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN GH-3-91

Mobil Oil Canada, Ltd.

Importer:	Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp.
Term:	The licence will commence on the date of Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2000.
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	563 540 cubic metres (20 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	205 690 000 cubic metres (7.3 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 056 900 000 cubic metres (73 billion cubic feet)
Market:	The gas will be sold by Northern Natural, an interstate pipeline company, to 73 local distribution companies in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

Unigas Corporation

Importer:	Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp.
Term:	The licence will commence on the date of Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 1 November 2001.
Export Point:	Monchy, Saskatchewan

Maximum Daily Quantity:	2 820 000 cubic metres (100 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	1 030 000 000 cubic metres (36.5 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	10 300 000 000 cubic metres (365 billion cubic feet)
Market:	The gas will be sold by Northern Natural, an interstate pipeline company, to 73 local distribution companies in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

Western Gas Marketing Limited for Three Export Licences

LICENCE "A"

Importer:	Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp.
Term:	The licence will commence on the first day of the first full month after Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2001.
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	1 346 000 cubic metres (47.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	492 000 000 cubic metres (17.4 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	During the term of the licence, a volume not exceeding the product of the number of days included in the licence term and 1 346 000 cubic metres (47.5 million cubic feet).
Market:	The gas will be sold by Northern Natural, an interstate pipeline company, to 73 local distribution companies in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

LICENCE "B"

Importer:	Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp.
Term:	The licence will commence on the first day of the first full month after Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 31 March 1996.
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	1 416 000 cubic metres (50 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	170 000 000 cubic metres (6 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	850 000 000 cubic metres (30 billion cubic feet)
Market:	The gas will be sold by Northern Natural, an interstate pipeline company, to 73 local distribution companies in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

LICENCE "C"

Importer:	Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp.
Term:	The licence will commence on the first day of the first full month after Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2001.
Export Point:	Monchy, Saskatchewan
Maximum Daily Quantity:	708 000 cubic metres (25 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	259 000 000 cubic metres (9.2 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:	During the term of the licence, a volume not exceeding the product of the number of days included in the licence term and 708 000 cubic metres (25 million cubic feet).
Market:	The gas will be sold by Northern Natural, an interstate pipeline company, to 73 local distribution companies in ten states in the midwest and upper midwestern United States.

Western Gas Marketing Limited

Importer:	Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.
Term:	The licence will commence on the date of Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1993 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1993, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2006.
Export Point:	Philipsburg, Quebec
Maximum Daily Quantity:	906 500 cubic metres (32 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	332 000 000 cubic metres (11.7 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	4 980 000 000 cubic metres (176 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Vermont Gas is a local distribution company serving the greater Burlington area and the counties of Chittenden and Franklin in northern Vermont.

Western Gas Marketing Limited

Importer:	Northern Minnesota Utilities
Term:	The licence will commence on the date of Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 1 May 2001.

Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	283 000 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	103 000 000 cubic metres (3.6 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	During the term of the licence, a volume not exceeding the product of the numbers of days included in the licence term and 283 000 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet).
Market:	The gas will be sold to Northern Minnesota Utilities a local distribution company serving 46 communities in the state of Minnesota.

**Western Gas Marketing Limited, as agent for Northern Minnesota Utilities, a
Division of Utilicorp United Inc.**

Importer:	Northern Minnesota Utilities, a Division of Utilicorp Inc.
Term:	The licence will commence on the date of Governor in Council approval and will end on 1 November 1993 unless exports commence on or before 1 November 1993, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2002.
Export Points:	Sprague, Manitoba and Fort Frances, Ontario
Maximum Daily Quantity:	917 800 cubic metres (32.4 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	335 000 000 cubic metres (12 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	3 685 000 000 cubic metres (130 billion cubic feet)

Market: Northern Minnesota Utilities is a local distribution company serving 46 communities in northern Minnesota. The majority of the gas, 850 000 cubic metres (30 million cubic feet) per day will be sold to the Boise Cascade Corporation paper mill in International Falls, Minnesota. The remainder would be used as system supply.

NOTE: In order to serve this market, the gas must be exported at Sprague, Manitoba, imported at Rainy River, Ontario and re-exported at Fort Frances, Ontario. To accommodate this arrangement, the Board has decided to issue a licence which will facilitate the initial export, and an accompanying order to facilitate the import and re-export described above.

The following are the applications that were heard during the GH-3-91 hearing and that the Board will render a decision on at a later date

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.

Importer: Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation

Term: 1 November 1992 to 31 October 2002

Export Point: Emerson, Manitoba

Maximum Daily Quantity: 424 900 cubic metres
(15 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 155 100 000 cubic metres
(5.5 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 551 000 000 cubic metres
(54.8 billion cubic feet)

Market: Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd.

Importer: Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation

Term: 1 November 1992 to 31 October 2002

Export Point: Emerson, Manitoba

Maximum Daily Quantity: 212 500 cubic metres
(7.5 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 77 500 000 cubic metres
(2.7 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 775 500 000 cubic metres
(27.4 billion cubic feet)

Market: Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

**North Canadian Marketing Inc. and East Georgia Cogeneration
(Vermont) Limited Partnership**

Importer: East Georgia Cogeneration (Vermont)
Limited Partnership

Term: 1 November 1992 to 1 November 2012

Export Point: Philipsburg, Quebec

Maximum Daily Quantity: 192 550 cubic metres
(6.8 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 70 300 000 cubic metres
(2.5 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 416 400 000 cubic metres
(50 billion cubic feet)

Market: The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility located in East Georgia, Vermont.

ProGas Limited

Importer: Lockport Energy Associates, L.P.

Term: 1 November 1992 to 31 October 2007

Export Point: Niagara Falls, Ontario

Maximum Daily Quantity:	339 900 cubic metres (12 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	124 100 000 cubic metres (4.4 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 861 100 000 cubic metres (65.7 billion cubic feet)
Market:	The gas would be used to fuel a cogeneration facility in Lockport, New York.

ProGas Limited

Importer:	Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation
Term:	1 November 1992 to 31 October 2002
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	212 500 cubic metres (7.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	77 500 000 cubic metres (2.7 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	775 500 000 cubic metres (27.4 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Shell Canada Limited for Two Licences

LICENCE "A"

Importer:	Salmon Resources Ltd. for resale to Midwest Gas, A Division of Iowa Public Service Company
Term:	1 November 1991 to 31 October 2006

Export Point:	Monchy, Saskatchewan
Maximum Daily Quantity:	580 700 cubic metres (20.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	212 500 000 cubic metres (7.5 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	3 181 200 000 cubic metres (112.3 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Midwest Gas is a transmission and distribution company serving customers in the four midwestern states of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska.

LICENCE "B"

Importer:	Salmon Resources Ltd. for resale to Enron Gas Marketing, Inc.
Term:	1 November 1991 to 1 November 2001
Export Point:	Monchy, Saskatchewan
Maximum Daily Quantity:	277 600 cubic metres (9.8 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	102 000 000 cubic metres (3.6 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 014 100 000 cubic metres (35.8 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Enron buys and sells gas across the United States. The gas it intends to purchase from Shell will likely be used in the U.S. midwest.

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**NEB TO HOLD A WRITTEN PROCEEDING ON THE HUNTINGDON
INTERNATIONAL PIPELINE CORPORATION (HIPCO) GAS PIPELINE PROJECT**

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for written proceeding an application by the Huntingdon International Pipeline Corporation (HIPCO) to construct two parallel pipelines totalling approximately 160 metres at Huntingdon, B.C.

HIPCO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of B.C. Gas, proposes to construct two pipelines crossing the international boundary at Huntingdon to enhance its operational flexibility in providing diverse gas sources to the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. The pipelines are designed to carry approximately 9.9 million cubic metres (350 million cubic feet) of gas per day. The estimated cost is \$947,800. The pipelines would provide two-way import/export options for flexibility during winter and summer seasons.

The Board is inviting interested parties to file written submissions by 10 April 1992.

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30 March 1992

NEB ISSUES SIX LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued six licences for the export of some 2 million cubic metres (72 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day over periods ranging from 10 to 15 years. In response to a written request by ProGas Limited, the Board is issuing its Decision in advance of the Reasons for Decision.

The Board issued one licence to each of Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. and Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. and two licences to each of ProGas Limited and Shell Canada Limited. The Board decided that it would not give further consideration to a joint application by North Canadian Marketing Inc./East Georgia Cogeneration (Vermont) Limited Partnership until such time as the applicants have advised the Board that East Georgia Cogeneration has resolved the outstanding matters pertaining to the issuance of a Certificate of Public Good by the Vermont Public Service Board.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 25, 26 and 27 June 1991 in Calgary, Alberta.

The Board issued licences to the following companies:

Amoco to export at Emerson, Manitoba 424 900 cubic metres (15 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 31 October 2002. The gas will be sold to Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation ("NSPW"), a local distribution company ("LDC") to serve its customers in western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Canadian Occidental to export at Emerson, Manitoba 212 500 cubic metres (7.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for the period ending 31 October 2002. The gas will be sold to NSPW to serve its customers in western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

ProGas, which was issued two licences, to export at Niagara Falls, Ontario of 339 934 cubic metres (12 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for the period ending 1 November 2007. The gas will be sold to Lockport Energy Associates, L.P. and will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility in Lockport, New York. In conjunction with the licence being issued to ProGas, the Board will also amend ProGas' existing natural gas export Licence GL-129 by reducing the quantities authorized under that licence by the amount included in the new licence. The second licence authorizes the export at Emerson, Manitoba of 212 458 cubic metres (7.5 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for the period ending 31 October 2002. The gas will be used by NSPW to serve its customers in western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Shell, which was issued two licences, to export at Monchy, Saskatchewan of 580 000 cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for 15 years. The gas will be



sold to Salmon Resources Ltd for resale to Midwest Gas, a Division of Iowa Public Service Company. Midwest Gas is a transmission and distribution company serving customers in the four midwestern states of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska. The second licence authorizes the export, also at Monchy, of 278 000 cubic metres (9.8 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for 10 years. The gas will be sold to Salmon Resources for resale to Enron Gas Marketing, Inc. Enron buys and sells gas across the United States. The gas it will purchase from Shell will likely be used in the U.S. midwest.

The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 9.1 billion cubic metres (323.3 billion cubic feet). All licences require the approval of the Governor in Council before they come into effect.

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BACKGROUNDER

APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN GH-3-91

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.

Importer:	Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation
Term:	The term of the licence shall commence on 1 November 1992 or the date of first deliveries, whichever is the later, and shall end on 1 November 1994, unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end ten years following commencement of the term of the licence.
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	424 900 cubic metres (15 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	155 100 000 cubic metres (5.5 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 551 000 000 cubic metres (54.8 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd.

Importer:	Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation
Term:	The term of the licence shall commence on 1 November 1992 or the date of first deliveries, whichever is the later, and shall end on 1 November 1994, unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end ten years following commencement of the term of the licence.

Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	212 500 cubic metres (7.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	77 500 000 cubic metres (2.7 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	775 500 000 cubic metres (27.4 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

ProGas Limited (Two Licences)

LICENCE "A"

Importer:	Lockport Energy Associates, L.P.
Term:	The term of the licence shall commence on 1 November 1992 and shall end on 1 November 1994, unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 1 November 2007.
Export Point:	Niagara Falls, Ontario
Maximum Daily Quantity:	339 934 cubic metres (12 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	124 075 760 cubic metres (4.4 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 861 136 400 cubic metres (65.7 billion cubic feet)
Market:	The gas would be used to fuel a cogeneration facility in Lockport, New York.

LICENCE "B"

Importer:	Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation
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Term:	The term of the licence shall commence on 1 November 1992 and shall end on 1 November 1994, unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end on 31 October 2002.
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	212 458 cubic metres (7.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	77 547 170 cubic metres (2.7 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	775 471 700 cubic metres (27.4 billion cubic feet)
Market:	Northern States Power is a local distribution company serving western Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Shell Canada Limited (Two Licences)

LICENCE "A"

Importer:	Salmon Resources Ltd. for resale to Midwest Gas, A Division of Iowa Public Service Company
Term:	The term of the licence shall commence upon Governor in Council approval and end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end 15 years following commencement of the term of the licence.
Export Point:	Monchy, Saskatchewan
Maximum Daily Quantity:	580 000 cubic metres (20.5 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	212 000 000 cubic metres (7.5 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	3 181 000 000 cubic metres (112.3 billion cubic feet)

Market: Midwest Gas is a transmission and distribution company serving customers in the four midwestern states of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska.

LICENCE "B"

Importer: Salmon Resources Ltd. for resale to Enron Gas Marketing, Inc.

Term: The term of the licence shall commence upon Governor in Council approval and end on 1 November 1994 unless exports commence hereunder on or before 1 November 1994, in which case the term will end 10 years following commencement of the term of the licence.

Export Point: Monchy, Saskatchewan

Maximum Daily Quantity: 277 600 cubic metres
(9.8 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity: 102 000 000 cubic metres
(3.6 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity: 1 014 100 000 cubic metres
(35.8 billion cubic feet)

Market: Enron buys and sells gas across the United States. The gas it intends to purchase from Shell will likely be used in the U.S. midwest.

Information on the application that the Board deferred rendering a decision on

North Canadian Marketing Inc. and East Georgia Cogeneration (Vermont) Limited Partnership

Importer: East Georgia Cogeneration (Vermont) Limited Partnership

Term: 1 November 1992 to 1 November 2012

Export Point: Philipsburg, Quebec

Maximum Daily Quantity: 192 550 cubic metres
(6.8 million cubic feet)

Maximum Annual Quantity:

70 300 000 cubic metres
(2.5 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:

1 416 400 000 cubic metres
(50 billion cubic feet)

Market:

The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility located in East Georgia, Vermont.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES 1991 ANNUAL REPORT

CALGARY -- The Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, has tabled in Parliament today the National Energy Board's 1991 Annual Report.

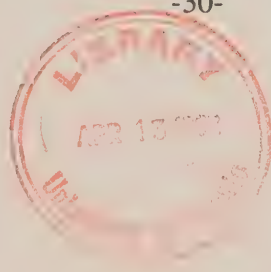
The Report summarizes the functions, responsibilities and organization of the Board and reviews its regulatory and advisory activities during 1991. It also outlines changes such as the relocation of the Board to Calgary and the transfer of responsibility for oil and gas regulation in the North from the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration ("COGLA") to the Board, subject to necessary legislative changes.

The Report highlights major decisions taken by the Board on natural gas and electric power exports, pipeline facilities, tolls and tariffs. It also contains details of other Board activities such as the publication of a report on Canadian Energy Supply and Demand 1990-2010, released in September 1991.

Copies of the 1991 Annual Report are available in both official languages from the National Energy Board in Calgary.

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**NEB TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST ENERGY INC.
SOUTHERN MAINLINE LOOPING PROJECT**

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. to construct a natural gas southern mainline looping project. This looping would consist of four segments totalling approximately 33 kilometres between Willow Flats, British Columbia and a point on the International Boundary between Canada and the United States near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

The hearing will begin on Monday, 25 May 1992 at the National Energy Board offices in Calgary, Alberta. Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by Monday, 13 April 1992.

Westcoast Energy operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to the lower mainland and to the United States border near Huntingdon and Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES NEW FACILITIES

CALGARY -- TransCanada PipeLines Limited has filed an application with the National Energy Board for permission to construct \$499.5 million worth of new pipeline loop and compression facilities on the company's mainline in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

The facilities applied for include 366.1 kilometres of pipeline and 42.8 megawatts of new compression to provide new services totalling approximately 6.5 million cubic metres (227 million cubic feet) per day. TransCanada plans to begin construction of the facilities in January, 1993 and all of the facilities would be in service by April, 1995. The facilities applied for will be used to provide transportation service for increased demands in domestic and U.S. markets.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas pipeline system 11 634 kilometres long, extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB TO HOLD WRITTEN PROCEEDING ON ALBERTA NATURAL GAS TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will conduct a written proceeding on tolls charged by Alberta Natural Gas ("ANG") after receiving letters of complaint about the rate of return on equity (13.25 percent after tax) for which the company has applied.

The Board received comments from the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada ("IPAC") and from Czar Resources Limited concerning the appropriate rate of return and has invited written interventions on ANG's tolls and cost of service including the allowed rate of return to be filed by 1 May 1992.

Alberta Natural Gas originally filed its rates amendment to be effective 1 February 1992. After receiving the letters of complaint from IPAC and Czar Resources, the Board made the applied for tolls interim, effective 7 February 1992.

Alberta Natural Gas owns and operates a natural gas transmission system, some 171 kilometres long, in southeastern British Columbia, and transports natural gas to an export point at Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB RELEASES ITS REASONS FOR DECISION ON POCO PETROLEUMS LTD. AND NORTH CANADIAN OILS LIMITED'S NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued its Reasons for Decision on two applications by Poco Petroleum Ltd. ("Poco") and one application by North Canadian Oils Limited ("NCO") for gas export licences. The Board has approved Poco's application and denied NCO's application. In December 1991, the Board released its decisions on Poco's applications without its attendant reasons.

The Board decided in December to issue the following two licences to Poco:

The first licence, which will end on 31 October 1999, authorizes Poco to export some 424 900 cubic metres (15 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas will be used by Washington Natural Gas Company, a local distribution company serving residential, commercial and small industrial customers in the Puget Sound, Washington area.

The second licence, which will extend until 31 October 1999, authorizes Poco to export some 566 600 cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon. The gas will be sold to IGI Resources, Inc. which in turn will resell the gas to Intermountain Gas Company and C.P. National Corporation. Intermountain is a local distribution company serving residential, commercial and industrial customers in southern Idaho. C.P. National is a local distribution company serving residential, commercial and industrial customers in the states of Oregon, California and Nevada.

The Board has denied NCO's application.

NCO was proposing to export some 198 thousand cubic metres (7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba over a 15-year period. The gas would have been sold to Ada Cogeneration Limited Partnership for use at its cogeneration plant in Ada, Michigan.

In the light of information received from NCO concerning a possible change in supply arrangements for the Ada project, the Board decided on 14 January 1991 to suspend deliberation on this application until all arrangements had been finalized. The company was directed to inform the Board when agreements had been reached with Ada and any



other supplier to the Ada project and to file a copy of the agreement with the Board and to serve it on all interested parties.

The company did not respond to the Board's letter and the record of the hearing with respect to its application remains incomplete. As a result of the fact that the evidence filed in support of NCO's application was no longer valid, and the Board in these circumstances cannot assess the application with respect to its main components i.e. supply, markets and transportation, the Board has decided that it cannot issue a licence based on the record and accordingly denied NCO's application.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held in Vancouver, British Columbia on 23 and 24 October 1990.

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NEB TO CONSIDER MANITOBA HYDRO APPLICATION TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued the procedures it will follow in obtaining the views of interested parties, including the general public, on an application from the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for permits to export electricity to various utilities in the United States.

The exports would be made in accordance with the terms of Interconnection or Coordination Agreements signed with Northern States Power Company, United Power Association, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, and Otter Tail Power Company.

The Interconnection Agreements provide for the transfer of surplus power and energy from Manitoba Hydro's system to the U.S. purchasers at times of suitable river flow conditions. The export authorizations would enable Manitoba Hydro to utilize economic benefits from such surpluses as and when available.

Two Permits Applied For

The electricity proposed for export would be produced by any of Manitoba Hydro's generating stations. Under the first permit requested, Manitoba Hydro would be authorized to export up to 1 900 megawatts of short-term firm capacity and energy for a term of 30 years beginning 1 November 1992 through 31 October 2022. This permit would replace an existing licence which expires on 31 October 1992.

Under the second permit, Manitoba Hydro would be authorized to export up to 16 650 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy less the amount of energy exported under the first permit. This permit would replace three existing licences which expire on 31 October 1992.

The Board is requesting that interested parties make their views known on the application before it determines whether to issue export permits or to recommend to the Minister that the Governor in Council designate the application for licensing. Such a designation would necessitate a subsequent public hearing.

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Environmental Impact

In making this determination, the Board takes into account various considerations, including the impact of the export on the environment.

However, as a result of a July 1991 judgement of the Federal Court of Appeal, the Board will no longer require evidence on the environmental impact resulting from the actual production of electricity for export purposes. The Court's judgement stated that the Board's jurisdiction with respect to assessing the environmental impact of the export is limited to the export itself, i.e. the sending of electricity from Canada by line of wire or other conductor.

Environmental impact assessments of Manitoba Hydro's international power lines were conducted by the Board when it reviewed applications by the utility for certificates to construct and operate these power lines. Any aspect of their environmental impact not examined at that time will be considered in the current review.

Interventions

Any party wishing to make a submission to the Board must first file a written intervention by 25 May 1992 describing the nature of its interest and identifying the issues it wishes to address. The Board will then issue a final list of interested parties. Manitoba Hydro will provide a copy of the application to each party included in the list.

After reviewing the application, interested parties must file their written submissions with the Board by 20 July 1992. Parties only wishing to file a letter of comment on the application must file a copy with the Board and the Applicant by 20 July 1992.

Manitoba Hydro's application is available for viewing at its offices in Winnipeg and at the Board's library in Calgary.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received applications from **BP Resources Canada Limited** and **Western Gas Marketing Limited**, and joint applications from **Bow Valley Industries Ltd.** and **San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E")**, **Canadian Hunter Marketing Ltd.** and **SDG&E**, **Husky Oil Operations Ltd.** and **SDG&E**, **Summit Resources Limited** and **SDG&E** for licences to export natural gas.

All of the gas to be exported by **SDG&E** and the co-applicants would be exported at Kingsgate, British Columbia and would be used by **SDG&E**, a local distribution company, to serve its customers in the State of California. The four applications are as follows:

Bow Valley and **SDG&E** requested an 11-year licence to export 139 500 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

Canadian Hunter and **SDG&E** requested a 10-year licence to export 557 600 cubic metres (19.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

Husky Oil and **SDG&E** requested a 10-year licence to export 609 900 cubic metres (21.65 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

Summit and **SDG&E** requested an 8-year licence to export 195 100 cubic metres (6.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

The other two applications received are as follows:

BP Resources requested a 17-year licence to export 504 140 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Western Gas Marketing requested a 15-year licence to export 509 900 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in Rensselaer, New York.



The Board will announce at a later date the procedures that will be followed in considering the applications.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more information.

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**BACKGROUNDER
NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS**

BP RESOURCES CANADA LIMITED

Importer:	Tenaska Gas Co..	
Term:	Commencing on 1 October 1993, or as soon thereafter as pipeline facilities are available to transport BP's gas and Tenaska's cogeneration facility commences full commercial operation and extending until 31 December 2011 or 17 years, whichever is earlier.	
Export Point:	Huntingdon, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	504 140 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	184 million cubic metres (6.5 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	3 128 million cubic metres (110 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	Westcoast Energy Inc will transport the gas within British Columbia to the Border at Huntingdon.
	In the U.S.:	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation will transport the gas from the border to the proposed cogeneration facility.
Market:	The gas will be used by Tenaska Gas Co., acting as a natural gas aggregator for Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P. to fuel a proposed cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington	
New Facilities Required:	Cascade Natural Gas will require new facilities.	

**BOW VALLEY INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SAN DIEGO
GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Importer:	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	
Term:	Commencing on the date that deliveries commence for a term of 11 years.	
Export Point:	Kingsgate, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	139 500 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	50.9 million cubic metres (1.8 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	560 million cubic metres (19.8 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to the British Columbia border near Coleman, Alberta. Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd will then transport the gas to Kingsgate, British Columbia.
	In the U.S.:	From Kingsgate, Pacific Gas Transmission Company will transport the gas to the Oregon/California border near Malin, Oregon. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will transport the gas from Malin to Kern River, California. From this point the gas will be transported by Southern California Gas Company to an interconnection with SDG&E's facilities.
Market:	The gas will be used by San Diego Gas & Electric as system supply.	
New Facilities Required:	Alberta Natural Gas will require new facilities. Pacific Gas Transmission and Pacific Gas and Electric have already received certificates for the new facilities required by those two companies.	

**CANADIAN HUNTER MARKETING LTD AND SAN DIEGO
GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Importer:	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	
Term:	Commencing on the date of first deliveries for a term of 10 years.	
Export Point:	Kingsgate, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	557 600 cubic metres (19.7 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	203.5 million cubic metres (7.2 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 035 million cubic metres (72 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	Canadian Hunter will transport the gas to the Alberta/British Columbia border near Fowl Water Creek directly through the Ring/Border field gathering facilities owned by Canadian Hunter and other Canadian producers. Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd will then transport the gas to Kingsgate, British Columbia.
	In the U.S.:	From Kingsgate, Pacific Gas Transmission Company will transport the gas to the Oregon/California border near Malin, Oregon. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will transport the gas from Malin to Kern River, California. From this point the gas will be transported by Southern California Gas company to an interconnection with SDG&E's facilities.
Market:	The gas will be used by San Diego Gas & Electric as system supply.	
New Facilities Required:	Alberta Natural Gas and Foothills will require new facilities. Pacific Gas Transmission and Pacific Gas	

and Electric have already received certificates for the new facilities required by those two companies.

HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LTD. AND SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Importer:	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	
Term:	Commencing on the date of first deliveries for a term of 10 years.	
Export Point:	Kingsgate British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	609 900 cubic metres (21.65 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	222.6 million cubic metres (7.9 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 226 million cubic metres (79.1 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to the British Columbia border near Coleman, Alberta. Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd will then transport the gas to Kingsgate, British Columbia.
	In the U.S.:	From Kingsgate, Pacific Gas Transmission Company will transport the gas to the Oregon/California border near Malin, Oregon. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will transport the gas from Malin to Kern River, California. From this point the gas will be transported by Southern California Gas Company to an interconnection with SDG&E's facilities.
Market:	The gas will be used by San Diego Gas & Electric as system supply.	
New Facilities Required:	Alberta Natural Gas will require new facilities. Pacific Gas Transmission and Pacific Gas and	

Electric have already received certificates for the new facilities required by those two companies.

**SUMMIT RESOURCES LIMITED AND SAN DIEGO
GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Importer:	San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Term:	Commencing on the date of first deliveries for a term of 8 years.
Export Point:	Kingsgate British Columbia
Maximum Daily Quantity:	195 100 cubic metres (6.9 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	71.2 million cubic metres (2.5 billion cubic feet)
Maximum Term Quantity:	570 million cubic metres (20.1 billion cubic feet)
Transportation:	<div>In Canada: NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to the British Columbia border near Coleman, Alberta. Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd will then transport the gas to Kingsgate, British Columbia.</div> <div>In the U.S.: From Kingsgate, Pacific Gas Transmission Company will transport the gas to the Oregon/California border near Malin, Oregon. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will transport the gas from Malin to Kern River, California. From this point the gas will transported by Southern California Gas company to an interconnection with SDG&E's facilities.</div>
Market:	The gas will be used by San Diego Gas & Electric as system supply.
New Facilities Required:	Alberta Natural Gas will require new facilities. Pacific Gas Transmission and Pacific Gas and

Electric have already received certificates for the new facilities required by those two companies.

WESTERN GAS MARKETING LIMITED

Importer:	Hadson Power Partners of Rensselaer	
Term:	Commencing on the date of first deliveries for a term of 15 years.	
Export Point:	Niagara Falls, Ontario	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	509 900 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	186.6 million cubic metres (6.6 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2.80 billion cubic metres (98.8 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to Empress, Alberta and TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Niagara Falls, Ontario.
	In the U.S.:	From Niagara Falls, the gas will be transported by the National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation to the facilities of CNG Transmission Corporation at Ellisburg, Pennsylvania. From that point, the gas will be transported to the facilities of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation of New York for delivery to the Ressenlaer cogeneration project.
Market:	The gas will be used by Hadson Power Partners of Rensselaer to fuel a proposed cogeneration project in Rensselaer, New York.	
New Facilities Required:	New facilities will be required in the United States to transport the poposed export volumes.	

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NEB SETS TRANSCANADA PIPELINES TOLLS FOR 1992

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a decision establishing new tolls to be charged by TransCanada PipeLines Limited for the transportation of natural gas to Canadian and United States markets, effective 1 April 1992.

A public hearing on the tolls application was held in Calgary from 18 to 21 February 1992.

As in its previous application filed with the Board for 1991 tolls, TCPL convened a Joint Industry Task Force to resolve issues arising from the application. The Task Force was composed of various shippers, producers, industry associations, distributors, provincial government representatives and other interested parties. The process adopted by the Task Force resulted in a relatively brief hearing as many issues were deferred to the next TCPL toll proceeding and solutions to other issues were arrived at by the Task Force participants.

The approved 1992 revenue requirement, net of miscellaneous revenue, is \$1,439.6 million, or \$1.7 million less than the 1992 revenue requirement applied for by TCPL.

The Board also approved a rate of return on common equity of 13.25 percent that was the result of a negotiated settlement between certain Task Force participants. No party to the hearing opposed the proposed rate of return.

The Board also approved an increase of two percent in departmental and general expenses over those approved in the 1991 TCPL Reasons for Decision. The level of this increase was also a result of the settlement.



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The decision results in tolls to the Eastern Zone of the TransCanada system which are 2.9 percent higher than the average tolls in effect in 1991.

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NEB APPROVES WESTCOAST'S TOMMY LAKES PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. to construct a pipeline in British Columbia known as the "Tommy Lakes Pipeline".

The approved facilities will consist of approximately 60 kilometres of pipeline extension to the Fort St. John gathering system. The cost of the new facilities is approximately \$16 million. This pipeline will be used to transport raw gas to Westcoast's Jedney pipeline for ultimate delivery to the company's McMahon Plant at Taylor, B.C. The pipeline will extend north from the Bubbles Compressor Station on the Fort St. John raw gas transmission system to a tie-in location in the eastern segment of the Tommy Lakes field. The Board also approved a monthly surcharge requested by Westcoast Energy for the provision of raw gas transmission service through the planned facilities.

The Board held a public hearing regarding the application on 24 March 1992 at Fort St. John, British Columbia.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to the lower mainland and to the international boundary near Huntingdon and Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINE EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has granted permission to TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary to build most of the expansion facilities applied for for 1992 - 1993 construction.

The approved facilities consist of approximately 278.2 kilometres of new pipeline loop across the system in western and central Canada to meet domestic and export requirements for the contract year beginning 1 November 1992. The new pipeline will run parallel to its existing lines of pipe in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. Total cost of the new facilities (including the relocation of two portable compressor units to stations in the central section) is estimated to be \$357.0 million.

The expansion will enable TransCanada to provide 3.29 million cubic metres (116.1 million cubic feet) per day of new firm service from Empress, Alberta. Of this, 31 percent is for users in eastern Canada and 69 percent for customers in the United States.

The new facilities will also provide 1.06 million cubic metres (37.5 million cubic feet) per day of new firm service for transport of gas from Sarnia to Niagara Falls, Ontario via TransCanada's system and that of Union Gas Limited.

A hearing was held in Calgary, Alberta in November, 1991. The certificate to be issued by the Board requires prior approval by the Governor in Council.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas pipeline system 11 634 kilometres long, extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through part of Quebec.

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NEB APPROVES THE EXPANSION OF ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY LTD'S PIPELINE FACILITIES

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd ("ANG") to expand its pipeline system in southern British Columbia to serve markets in northern California and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

The approved facilities will consist of additional and modified facilities at ANG's three existing compressor stations, at an estimated cost of \$82 million. The ANG expansion, together with a planned facilities expansion by Foothills Pipe Lines (South B.C.) Ltd. that is estimated to cost \$105 million, is designed to increase export capacity at Kingsgate, British Columbia by 24.7 million cubic metres (872 million cubic feet) per day. The targeted in-service date is 1 November 1993.

The proposed expansion is part of an overall expansion of the existing Alberta to northern California natural gas transmission system owned, from north to south, by ANG and Foothills (South B.C.), Pacific Gas Transmission Company, and Pacific Gas & Electric Company. The cost of the U.S. portion of the project is estimated at \$1.6 billion (U.S. dollars).

In support of its application, ANG filed copies of the binding, unconditional firm transportation contracts that had been signed by the prospective expansion shippers for the full expansion volume.

In determining whether the expansion facilities are in the public interest, the Board also took into account the overall supply and market information filed in support of the application together with available project-specific supply and market information, as well as information provided in respect of the competitiveness of Canadian-sourced gas in the California and Pacific Northwest markets targeted by the expansion. The Board believes that this evidence, coupled with the existence of executed long-term, unconditional firm service transportation contracts for the entire expansion volume, satisfactorily demonstrates that markets will exist in California and the Pacific Northwest for the expansion volumes, and that Canadian-sourced gas could be competitive in those markets.

The written hearing conducted by the Board in the application attracted submissions from 26 interested parties, including the major industry associations and the majority of the expansion shippers.

An application by Altamont Transmission Canada Limited that is also targeting the California market is still before the Board and receiving separate consideration. The proposed 300-metre long pipeline would begin at a point of connection with the pipeline system of NOVA Corporation of Alberta and continue south to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta where it would connect with the proposed Altamont



Gas Transmission Company pipeline. The capacity of the proposed pipeline, which is also intended to go in into service on 1 November 1993, is 20.8 million cubic metres (736 million cubic feet) per day.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached Backgrounder for more details.

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BACKGROUNDER

Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd.

On 31 May 1990, Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. ("ANG") filed an application with the Board for approval to expand its transmission pipeline system in southern British Columbia.

The proposed expansion, together with a planned facilities expansion by Foothills Pipe Lines (South B.C.) Ltd. ("Foothills (South B.C.)") is designed to increase the export capacity at Kingsgate by 24.7 million cubic metres (872 million cubic feet) per day to serve new markets in California and the Pacific Northwest of the U.S. The targeted in-service date is 1 November 1993.

ANG's proposed facilities consist of additional and modified facilities at its three existing compressor stations, as more particularly described below:

Compressor Station No. 1: installation of two additional compressor units in separate buildings, replacement of three aerodynamic assemblies, additional gas scrubbing capacity, an additional control building, additional cooling capacity, and piping additions. This would provide a power increase of approximately 28 megawatts (37 500 horsepower);

Compressor Station No. 2A: installation of cooling facilities, replacement of an aerodynamic assembly, additions and modifications to yard piping, replacement of the existing gas scrubber, and the addition of a second gas scrubber; and

Compressor Station No. 2B: installation of an additional compressor unit in a separate building, control additions in the existing control building, replacement of an aerodynamic assembly, additions and modifications to the yard piping and installation of an additional gas scrubber. This would provide increase of approximately 14 megawatts (18 750 horsepower).

ANG stated that the facilities are scheduled to be installed during 1993 at an estimated capital cost of approximately \$82 million (1990 dollars).

The proposed ANG expansion is part of an overall expansion of the existing Alberta/California natural gas transmission pipeline system owned, from north to south, by ANG and Foothills (South B.C.), Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT"), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E").

On the Canadian side of the border, the Board exercises jurisdiction over both ANG and Foothills (South B.C.). These two companies own pipeline facilities in southeastern British Columbia which connect upstream with the facilities of NOVA Corporation of Alberta ("NOVA") near Crowsnest, Alberta and downstream with the PGT system at the international boundary near Kingsgate. NOVA would also have to expand its facilities in

order to accommodate the expansion volumes, at a net cost of about \$312 million (current dollars).

The existing facilities of ANG consist of a 914 millimetres (36 inch) mainline, 170.7 kilometres (106 miles) in length, running from Crowsnest to the international boundary, four loops totalling 6.6 kilometres (4.1 miles) in length, three compressor stations located near Crowsnest, Elko and Moyie, and metering facilities located near Kingsgate.

Foothills (South B.C.) currently owns four segments of 914 millimetre (36 inch) pipe, totalling 87.6 kilometres (54.4 miles), running parallel to ANG's mainline, as well as metering facilities at Kingsgate. The facilities owned by Foothills (South B.C.) are operated by ANG.

In conjunction with the expansion, Foothills (South B.C.) plans to complete its looping of the ANG mainline by installing four additional segments of 1067 millimetre (42 inch) pipe totalling 77.5 kilometres (48.2 miles) at an estimated capital cost of about \$105 million (1990 dollars). This would complete Zone 8 of the Canadian portion of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, already certificated under the *Northern Pipeline Act*.

In the United States, PGT proposes to complete the looping of its existing 914 millimetre (36 inch) mainline by installing 692 kilometres (430 miles) of 1 067 millimetre (42 inch) pipe. Complementing that looping would be 37 megawatts (49 600 horsepower) of extra compression through the addition of one new and two replacement gas turbine compressor units at existing stations.

The PG&E component of the expansion involves the installation of some 667 kilometres (415 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) and 1 067 millimetre (42 inch) pipeline looping, 19.5 megawatts (26 100 horsepower) of additional compression, and assorted other system modifications.

Combined, the PGT and PG&E components of the expansion are forecast to cost in the order of \$1.6 billion (current U.S. dollars).

Figure 1-1
Pipeline Expansion Project
Connecting Systems

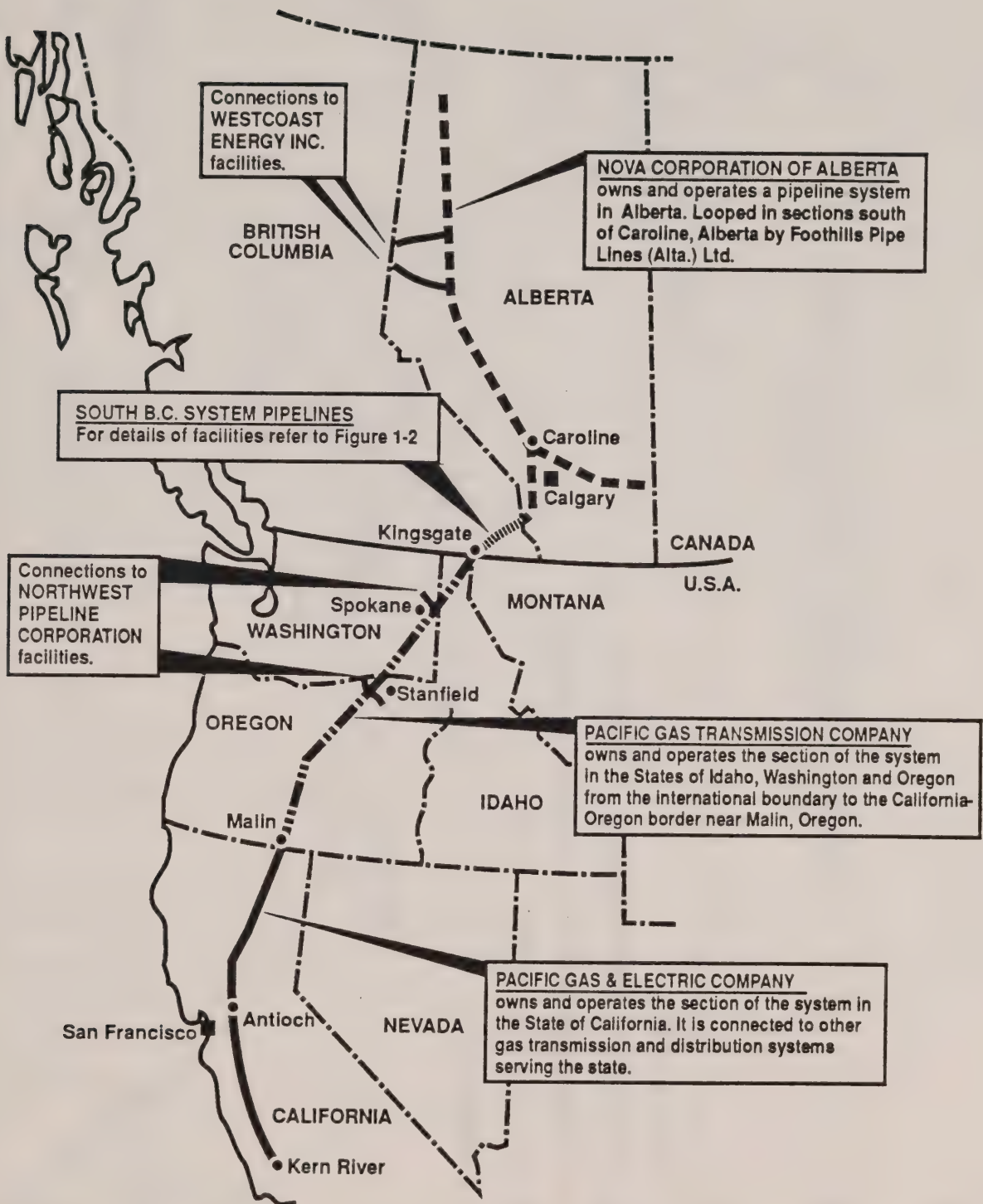
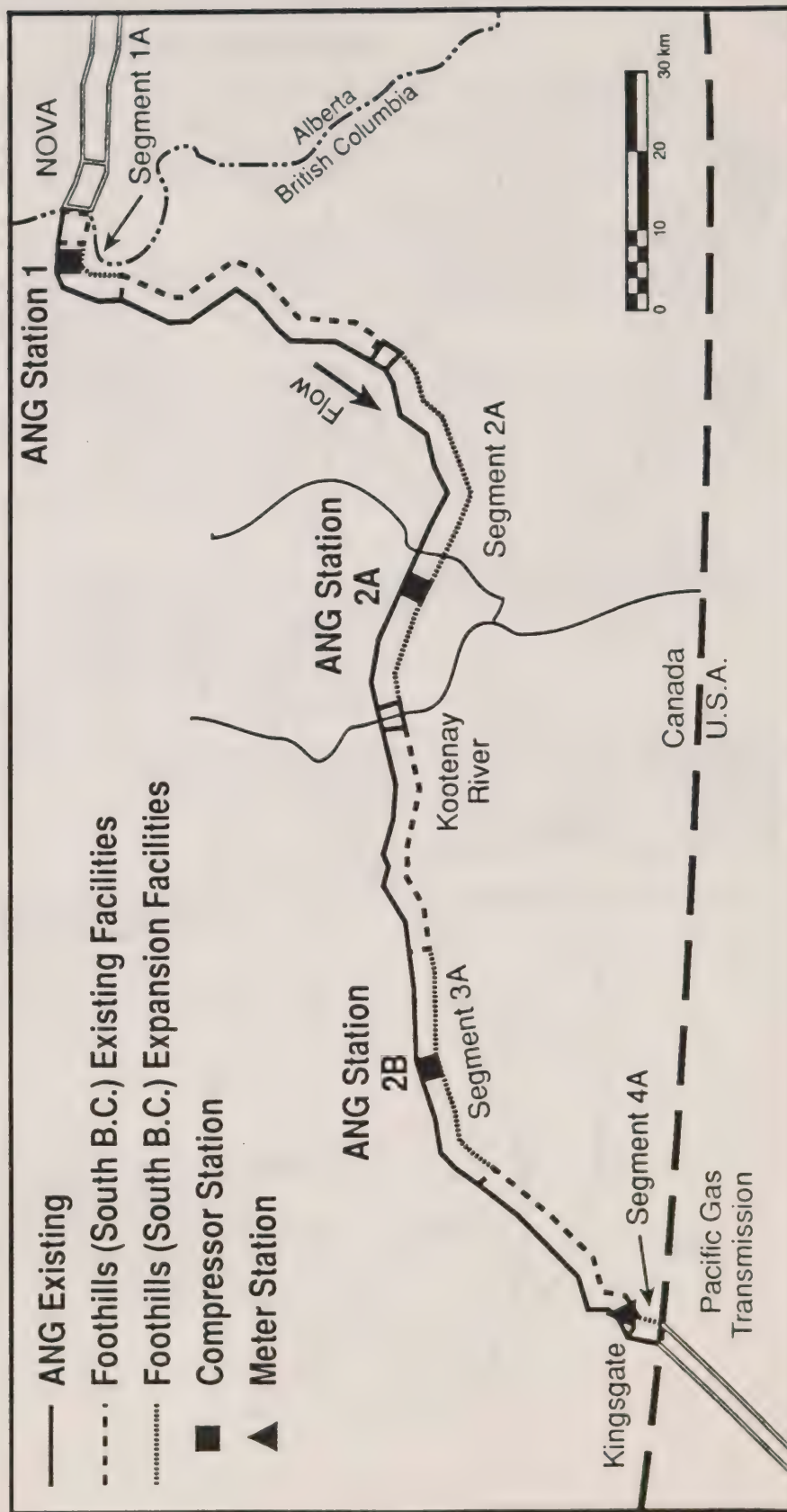


Figure 1-2
 Alberta Natural Gas / Foothills (South B.C.)
 Proposed South B.C. Expansion



**Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd.
Pipeline Expansion Shipper Volumes
Kingsgate, B.C.**

Shipper	Term of Contract		Contracted Quantity					
	From	To	Annual (MMcfd)	Winter (MMcfd)	Summer (MMcfd)	Annual (10 ³ m ³ /d)	Winter (10 ³ m ³ /d)	Summer (10 ³ m ³ /d)
I EXPORT								
CanWest Gas Supply Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/08	27.7			784.7		
Cascade Natural Gas Corp.	1/11/93	31/10/23		7.5			212.2	
Chevron Canada Resources	1/11/93	31/10/23	52.0			1 473.0		
City of Burbank	1/11/93	31/10/08	4.8			136.5		
City of Glendale	1/11/93	31/10/23	4.1			115.4		
City of Pasadena	1/11/93	31/10/23	4.1			115.4		
C.P. National Corporation	1/11/93	31/10/23		6.7			189.4	
DEKALB Energy Canada Ltd.	1/11/93	31/10/08	11.9			336.4		
IGI Resources, Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/13	7.0			198.3		
Norcen Energy Resources Limited	1/11/93	31/10/08	47.5			1 345.3		
North Canadian Marketing Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/08	19.8			560.5		
North Canadian Oils Limited	1/11/93	31/10/08	39.6			1 121.1		
Northern California Power Agency	1/11/93	31/10/08	5.5			157.0		
Northridge Alberta Gas Sales Ltd.	1/11/93	31/10/08	8.2			230.8		
Northwest Natural Gas Company	1/11/93	31/10/08		46.4	29.9		1 315.3	847.7
Pan Alberta Gas Ltd.	1/11/93	31/10/23	59.4			1 681.6		
PanCanadian Petroleum Limited	1/11/93	31/10/08	40.7			1 154.0		
Pancontinental Oil, Ltd.	1/11/93	31/10/08	4.1			115.4		
Paramount Resources Ltd.	1/11/93	31/10/23	19.8			560.5		
Petro-Canada	1/11/93	31/10/08	19.8			560.5		
Sacramento Municipal Utility District	1/11/93	31/10/23	12.2			346.2		
Shell Canada Limited	1/11/93	31/10/08	27.7			784.7		
San Diego Gas & Electric Company	1/11/93	31/10/08	53.0			1 502.2		
Southern California Edison	1/11/93	31/10/08	203.7			5 770.2		
Suncor Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/08	40.7			1 154.7		
Vector Energy Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/08	16.9			478.0		
Washington Energy Exploration, Inc.	1/11/93	31/10/08		65.4	44.7		1 851.4	1 266.9
Washington Water Power	1/11/93	31/10/23		54.4	29.8		1 541.9	843.7
TOTAL EXPORT VOLUMES			<u>730.2</u>	<u>180.4</u>	<u>104.4</u>	<u>20 682.4</u>	<u>5 110.2</u>	<u>2 958.3</u>
II DOMESTIC								
BC Gas Inc. (1)	1/11/93	31/10/08	5.0			141.6		
TOTAL EXPORT AND DOMESTIC VOLUMES			<u>735.2</u>	<u>180.4</u>	<u>104.4</u>	<u>20 824.0</u>	<u>5 110.2</u>	<u>2 958.3</u>

(1) For the receipt of gas near Coleman, Alberta and the delivery of gas at various points of delivery on the ANG system.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSCANADA PIPELINES EXPANSION APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary to construct \$499.5 million worth of new pipeline loop and compression facilities on the company's mainline in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

The hearing will be held in Calgary, Alberta, beginning 4 August 1992 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room at 311 6th Avenue S.W.

Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by 5 June 1992.

TransCanada's applied for facilities include 366.1 kilometres of pipeline and 42.8 megawatts of new compression to provide new services totalling approximately 6.4 million cubic metres (227 million cubic feet) per day. TransCanada plans to begin construction of the facilities in the winter of 1992/1993 and all of the facilities would be in service by April, 1995. The facilities applied for will be used to provide transportation service for increased demands in domestic and U.S. markets.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas pipeline system 12 476 kilometres long, extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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FOR RELEASE AT 2:30 P.M. (M.D.T.)

19 June 1992

NEB ISSUES DECISION ON INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board today issued a decision (RH-2-91) regarding an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc., for new tolls the company may charge, beginning 1 January 1992, for the transportation of crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons.

In its application, Interprovincial requested that tolls currently in effect be increased by an average of 12 percent and that this increase be made interim, effective 1 January 1992. This would have raised the Company's approved 1991 net revenue requirement of \$312.5 million by 11.5 percent to \$348.5 million. The Board approved an average interim toll increase of nine percent, effective 1 January 1992.

In its decision today, the Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 12.5 percent on a deemed equity ratio of 45 percent excluding deferred taxes. Interprovincial had requested approval of a rate of return of 13.5 percent on a deemed equity ratio of 42.5 percent including deferred taxes.

The Board also rendered decisions on the Company's rate base, the allowed rate of inflation, the calculation of income taxes, the forecast throughput, operating costs and toll design.

The Board ruled that income taxes should be calculated on a flow-through basis rather than on the previously-approved normalized basis.

With respect to toll design, Interprovincial submitted proposed tolls based on an integrated toll design methodology. In addition, Interprovincial requested that the Board consider the appropriate toll design for the possible reversal of the Sarnia to Montreal pipeline extension.

The Board ruled that a stand-alone toll design is appropriate for 1992 for both the main pipeline and the Montreal extension. In addition, the Board determined that stand-alone is the appropriate toll design if the Montreal Extension is reversed to flow in an east to west direction.

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The Board approved Interprovincial's revised throughput forecast of 221 800 cubic metres (1 395 080 barrels) a day for 1992.

The Board has not included the approved 1992 revenue requirements or new tolls in its Reasons for Decision. A final order approving the new tolls will be issued following the Board's review of figures still to be provided by Interprovincial. The Board's preliminary estimate of the revenue requirement, based on numbers currently on the record, is that it will reflect little change in comparison to the 1991 requirement. Consequently, any excess revenues that Interprovincial may have collected in 1992 when interim tolls were in effect will be used to reduce the level of the 1992 final tolls to be applied over the remainder of the year.

A public hearing on Interprovincial's tolls was held from December 1991 to February 1992 in both Calgary and Toronto and lasted a combined total of 27 days.

Interprovincial operates a crude oil and natural gas liquids and petroleum products pipeline extending from Alberta to Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB SCHEDULES A HEARING ON SIX APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND ONE APPLICATION TO TRANSFER A LICENCE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing applications from six companies for licences to export natural gas and one application to transfer a gas export licence.

The hearing will commence on Tuesday, 25 August 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are described below.

BP Resources Canada Limited requested a 17-year licence to export at Huntingdon, British Columbia 504 140 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Kamine Beaver Falls Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P.** requested a 15-year licence to export at Iroquois, Ontario 455 900 cubic metres (16.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in Beaver Falls, Lewis County, New York.

Kamine Syracuse Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.** requested a 15-year licence to export at Chippawa, Ontario 461 700 cubic metres (16.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in the village of Solvay, Onandaga County, New York.

Western Gas Marketing Limited requested a licence for four years and four months to export at Emerson, Manitoba 906 500 cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be sold to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company as system supply for its customers in the State of Michigan.

Western Gas Marketing Limited requested a licence for eight years and four months to export at Emerson, Manitoba 4 853 000 cubic metres (171.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be sold to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America as system supply for its customers in the midwestern United States.



Western Gas Marketing Limited requested a 15-year licence to export at Niagara Falls, Ontario 509 900 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in Rensselaer, New York.

FSC Resources Limited, Saranac Power Partners L.P. and Shell Canada Limited applied to transfer Licence GL-138 from FSC Resources to Saranac and Shell and amend Licence GL-138, or in the alternative, a new licence for export at Napierville, Quebec.

Licence GL-138 authorizes the export at Napierville 1 530 000 cubic metres (54 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for a 15-year period. The gas was to be used to fuel three cogeneration facilities to be constructed near Plattsburg, New York.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more information.

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**BACKGROUNDER
NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS**

BP Resources Canada Limited

Importer:	Tenaska Gas Co..	
Term:	Commencing on 1 October 1993, or as soon thereafter as pipeline facilities are available to transport BP's gas and Tenaska's cogeneration facility commences full commercial operation and extending until 31 December 2011 or 17 years, whichever is earlier.	
Export Point:	Huntingdon, British Columbia	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	504 140 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	184 million cubic metres (6.5 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	3 128 million cubic metres (110 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	Westcoast Energy Inc will transport the gas within British Columbia to the Border at Huntingdon.
	In the U.S.:	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation will transport the gas from the border to the proposed cogeneration facility.
Market:	The gas will be used by Tenaska Gas Co., acting as a natural gas aggregator for Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P. to fuel a proposed cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington	
New Facilities Required:	Cascade Natural Gas will require new facilities.	

**Kamine Beaver Falls Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of
Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.**

Importer:	Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P.	
Term:	1 November 1993 to 31 October 2008	
Export Point:	Iroquois, Ontario	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	455 900 cubic metres (16.1 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	167.1 million cubic metres (5.9 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 493.2 million cubic metres (88.1 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	For the gas purchased in Alberta, NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport it to the facilities of TransCanada PipeLines Limited at Empress, Alberta. For the gas purchased from Saskatchewan, TransGas will transport it to the facilities of TransCanada at Burstall, Saskatchewan. TransCanada will transport the Alberta gas from Empress and the Saskatchewan gas from Burstall to Iroquois, Ontario.
	In the U.S.:	From Iroquois, Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P. will transport the gas to the St. Lawrence Gas facilities in Croghan, New York who in turn will transport the gas to the proposed cogeneration facility.
Market:	The gas will be used by Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P. to fuel a proposed cogeneration plant to be located in Beaver Falls, Lewis County, New York.	
New Facilities Required:	No new facilities will be required.	

**Kamine Syracuse Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of
Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.**

Importer:	Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.	
Term:	1 November 1993 to 31 October 2008	
Export Point:	Chippawa, Ontario	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	461 700 cubic metres (16.3 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	167.1 million cubic metres (5.9 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2 506.8 million cubic metres (88.5 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	For the gas purchased in Alberta, NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport it to the facilities of TransCanada PipeLines Limited at Empress, Alberta. For the gas purchased from Saskatchewan, TransGas will transport it to the facilities of TransCanada at Burstall, Saskatchewan. TransCanada will transport the Alberta gas from Empress and the Saskatchewan gas from Burstall to Chippawa, Ontario.
	In the U.S.:	From Chippawa, Empire State Pipeline will transport the gas to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation facilities in Syracuse, New York.
Market:	The gas will be used by Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P. to fuel a proposed cogeneration plant to be located in the village of Solvay, Onandaga County, New York.	
New Facilities Required:	TransCanada PipeLines Limited will require new facilities. Final certification of the Empire State pipeline will be required.	

Western Gas Marketing Limited

Importer:	Michigan Consolidated Gas Company ("MichCon")	
Term:	1 June 1992 to 31 October 1996	
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	906 500 cubic metres (32 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	331.8 million cubic metres (11.7 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	1 466 million cubic metres (51.7 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to Empress, Alberta and TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Emerson, Manitoba.
	In the U.S.:	From Emerson, the gas will be transported by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership to the facilities of MichCon.
Market:	The gas will be used by MichCon as system supply to serve its customers in the State of Michigan.	
New Facilities Required:	No new facilities required.	

Western Gas Marketing Limited

Importer:	Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America ("NGPL")
Term:	1 June 1992 to 31 October 2000
Export Point:	Emerson, Manitoba
Maximum Daily Quantity:	4 853 000 cubic metres (171.3 million cubic feet)
Maximum Annual Quantity:	1 776 million cubic metres (62.7 billion cubic feet)

Maximum Term Quantity:	14.93 billion cubic metres (527 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to Empress, Alberta and TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Emerson, Manitoba.
	In the U.S.:	From Emerson, the gas will be transported by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership to the facilities of NGPL.
Market:	The gas will be used by NGPL as system supply to serve its customers in the midwestern United States.	
New Facilities Required:	No new facilities required.	

Western Gas Marketing Limited

Importer:	Hadson Power Partners of Rensselaer	
Term:	Commencing on the date of first deliveries for a term of 15 years.	
Export Point:	Niagara Falls, Ontario	
Maximum Daily Quantity:	509 900 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet)	
Maximum Annual Quantity:	186.6 million cubic metres (6.6 billion cubic feet)	
Maximum Term Quantity:	2.80 billion cubic metres (98.8 billion cubic feet)	
Transportation:	In Canada:	NOVA Corporation of Alberta will transport the gas within Alberta to Empress, Alberta and TransCanada PipeLines Limited will transport the gas to Niagara Falls, Ontario.
	In the U.S.:	From Niagara Falls, the gas will be transported by the National Fuel Gas Supply

Corporation to the facilities of CNG Transmission Corporation at Ellisburg, Pennsylvania. From that point, the gas will be transported to the facilities of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation of New York for delivery to the Ressenlaer cogeneration project.

Market: The gas will be used by Hadson Power Partners of Rensselaer to fuel a proposed cogeneration project in Rensselaer, New York.

New Facilities Required: New facilities will be required in the United States to transport the proposed export volumes.

**FSC Resources Limited, Saranac Power Partners, L.P.
and Shell Canada Limited**

FSC Resources Limited, Saranac Power Partners L.P. and Shell Canada Limited applied to transfer Licence GL-138 from FSC Resources to Saranac and Shell and amend Licence GL-138, or in the alternative, a new licence for export at Napierville, Quebec.

Licence GL-138 authorizes the export at Napierville 1 530 000 cubic metres (54 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for a 15-year period. The gas was to be used to fuel three cogeneration facilities to be constructed near Plattsburg, New York.

Specifically, FSC Resources applied for the following:

- (a) authorize the transfer by FSC of Licence No. GL-138 to Saranac L.P and Shell, to be held jointly by them;
- (b) vary Licence No. GL-138 such that:
 - (i) the sunset date of 28 February 1993 as set forth in condition 1 is extended to 28 February 1995;
 - (ii) the term as set forth in condition 1 is changed such that it will commence on 1 November 1993 or the date of first deliveries, whichever is later, and ending 15 years following the commencement of the term;
 - (iii) the quantities of natural gas that may be exported as prescribed by condition 2 are changed to 1 475 000 cubic metres (52 million cubic feet) per day, 538 million cubic metres (19 billion cubic feet) in any consecutive 12-month period and 7.265 million cubic metres (256 billion cubic feet) during the total term; and
- (c) approving the Gas Sale and Purchaser Agreement dated 20 May 1992 between Saranac and Shell.

Alternatively, Saranac and Shell applied for a new licence as follows:

- (a) the term of the licence shall be for the period commencing on 1 November 1993 or the date of first deliveries, whichever is later and ending 15 years following commencement of the term;
- (b) the quantity of natural gas that may be exported shall not exceed,
 - (i) 1 475 000 cubic metres (52 million cubic feet) in any one day,
 - (ii) 538 million cubic metres (19 billion cubic feet) in any consecutive 12-month period, and
 - (iii) 7.265 million cubic metres (256 billion cubic feet) during the total term.

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NEB ISSUES ITS UPDATED MARKET-BASED PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

Calgary - The National Energy Board issued its revised method to the way it applies the Market-Based Procedure ("MBP"), the procedure by which the Board assesses applications for long-term licences to export natural gas. The changes are being made as part of the Board's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the clarity and effectiveness of its regulatory process.

The MBP, used in the context of public hearings, consists of three parts: a *Complaints Procedure*, an *Export Impact Assessment*, and *Other Public Interest Considerations*. The Board has decided to provide a clarification to the *Other Public Interest Considerations* and to make some changes to the pre-hearing process.

The Board provided a statement of the *Other Public Interest Considerations* it will normally consider in reviewing a licence application (see Backgrounder). One component of the *Other Public Interest Considerations* is an assessment of the adequacy of an applicant's gas supply to support the licence over the application term. In making this assessment, the Board will continue to be flexible but will normally expect applicants to demonstrate that established reserves are equal to or exceed the applied for volume and that productive capacity will be adequate to meet the proposed annual export volumes over the majority of the applied-for licence term.

With respect to the pre-hearing process, the Board will now require that licence applicants file a summary of the contractual terms and conditions of the export sales arrangement, including a summary of the pricing provisions. The Board will also require that licence applicants submit the name of a contact person from whom details about the proposed export can be obtained and require that the name of the contact be included in the Board's news release announcing receipt of the application. These changes will improve the dissemination of information about an application before the hearing stage.

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MARKET-BASED PROCEDURE

In the past few years, a number of parties had raised questions about the intent and operation of the *Complaints Procedure* during hearings on gas export licence applications. Further, in hearing GH-5-89, some parties specifically requested clarification of the role of the *Other Public Interest Considerations* component. Accordingly, the Board decided to internally re-assess the manner in which it applies these two components of the MBP, and to then seek the views of interested parties.

Having reviewed the comments of interested parties, the Board will retain the *Complaints Procedure* as is. The *Complaints Procedure* seeks to ensure that Canadian gas buyers who have been active in the market will have access to gas on terms and conditions no less favourable than export customers. The *Complaints Procedure* will enable these buyers to assess the terms and conditions of the gas sales contracts underlying export licence applications relative to the terms and conditions they are being offered. If the terms and conditions being offered to export customers were more favourable than those available to domestic customers, a Canadian buyer may wish to file a complaint with the Board.

In its assessment of other considerations relevant to the public interest, the Board will normally:

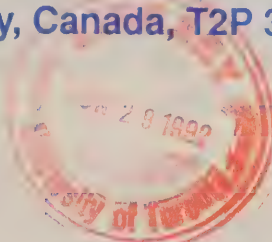
- (a) make an assessment of the likelihood that the licensed volumes will be taken;
- (b) make an assessment of the durability of export sales contracts;
- (c) have regard to whether or not export sales contracts were negotiated at arm's-length;
- (d) verify that there is producer support for a gas export licence application;
- (e) verify that there are provisions in export sales contracts for the payment of the associated transportation charges on Canadian pipelines over the term of the export sales contract; and
- (f) determine the appropriate length for an export licence having regard to:
 - (i) evidence on the adequacy of the supplies available to the export licence applicant to support the applied-for volumes over the requested licence term;
 - (ii) evidence on the necessity of the requested term in light of the terms of the associated gas sales and transportation contracts and the terms of the approvals from other regulatory bodies; and
 - (iii) any other evidence which the Board deems to be relevant to the appropriate term of the licence.

As for the third component of the MBP, the *Export Impact Assessment* ("EIA"), the Board is reconsidering the process by which it produces an EIA and is considering how it should obtain and incorporate the input of interested parties in publishing an update to the current EIA.

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NEB ISSUES ORDERS ON NATURAL GAS EXPORTS AND ON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS TO THE CALIFORNIA MARKET

CALGARY - The National Energy Board announced today that it is taking measures to counteract the detrimental effects on the Canadian public interest of regulatory decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). The Board expressed its concern that these decisions could undermine existing long-term commercial arrangements under which Canadian producers supply gas to Northern California.

The Board has therefore decided to issue orders to:

- immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that precludes exports at Kingsgate and Huntingdon, British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S") for sale to Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT"); and
- immediately suspend interruptible transportation service for the delivery of gas to the Kingsgate, British Columbia, export point and the assignment provisions of Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd's ("ANG") Gas Transportation Service Document.

These orders will have the effect of preventing the displacement of the long-term gas supply of A&S and its producers to Northern California.

The Board's decision confirms and strengthens the interim measures it put in place on 4 February 1992 pending the outcome of the hearing. The new orders add the Huntingdon, British Columbia export point to the Kingsgate, British Columbia export point covered by the interim orders.

The orders are to remain in effect for a period sufficient to allow for fair and equitable contractual arrangements to be negotiated by all affected parties and until all necessary regulatory approvals are in place for such arrangements.

The Board notes that the measures it has decided upon are directed at preventing short-term export arrangements from potentially displacing exports under long-term contractual arrangements. They will not restrict the total amount of exports currently authorized by the Board nor the ability of the Northern California market to receive Canadian natural gas.



The Board arrived at these decisions as a result of a public hearing it held from 24 February to 12 March 1992 in Calgary on an application dated 29 May 1991, as amended on 27 November 1991, by the Canadian Petroleum Association for a review of the Board's 1989 decision to issue a long-term licence to A&S to export natural gas to California. The amended application requested that the Board take immediate action to counteract the effects of a decision by the CPUC relating to the rules for capacity brokering of pipeline space in California.

The CPUC decision requires the brokering of the pipeline capacity in California. It will, however, have the effect of causing the reallocation of pipeline capacity on pipeline systems outside the state of California, including the ANG pipeline system in Alberta and British Columbia which is regulated by the Board.

The Board said that it was concerned and dismayed at the adverse effects on Canada of the CPUC's actions. These effects relate to:

- the stranding of financial commitments made by Canadian producers to develop a long-term, secure supply of competitively priced gas for California, having placed reliance on representations made by California regulators as to the continuance of the regulatory regime in effect at the time these commitments were made;
- the inadequacy of the transition period contemplated by the CPUC which could be less than 12 months; and
- the Commission's encroachment on the jurisdiction of regulatory authorities outside the boundaries of the State of California, in particular the jurisdiction of this Board.

Canadian Financial Commitments Stranded

The existing chain of contracts between Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"), PGT, A&S and Canadian producers was negotiated under a CPUC regulatory regime which encouraged end-users in PG&E's franchise area to purchase gas from PG&E which would, in turn, obtain a substantial part of its total supplies and all its Canadian gas through its aggregator A&S. It was under this regulatory environment, which held out the promise of secure and dependable markets, that Canadian gas producers undertook major commitments to finance the development of the additional gas supplies in Canada purported to be needed and entered into long-term gas sales and purchase contracts with A&S to serve the Northern California market.

This was the context in which the Board made its Decision in 1988 to issue a licence to enable A&S to continue to supply the Northern California market with a secure, long-term, contracted flow of Canadian gas to the year 2005. The Board noted that, in the GH-5-88 hearing, both the CPUC and the California Energy Commission submitted letters strongly endorsing A&S' application to extend its licence.

Within two years of the Board's GH-5-88 Decision, while Canadian producers were in the process of fulfilling their contractual commitments to find and develop new gas supplies to serve the Northern California market, the CPUC adopted a diametrically opposite view of the appropriate gas market structure. It opted for a structure which is inimical to the contractual arrangements so recently extended and endorsed by

provincial/state regulators in Alberta, British Columbia and California and by federal regulators in Canada and the United States.

The evidence in the hearing was that these actions of the CPUC will drastically reduce the takes of gas from the Canadian supplies developed on the basis of long-term contracts which had been negotiated in good faith, in the expectation of the continuance of a California regulatory environment established by the CPUC.

Inadequate Length of Transition Period

While regulatory change is a risk and a fact of life in the evolving North American gas market, regulators need to be cognizant of the fact that such changes potentially impose costs on parties who have negotiated contractual arrangements in good faith, based on the expectation that the regulatory policies then in effect would provide a measure of stability and reliability. Consequently, as a matter of fairness and equity, regulators have been inclined to provide an appropriate framework, including a sufficient period of time, for the parties they regulate and other affected parties to react and adjust to changes in the regulatory regime in which they must do business.

The transition period contemplated by the CPUC, ending as early as 1 October 1992, is, in the Board's view, almost certainly too short to allow time for parties to arrive at fair and equitable settlements in private contractual negotiations.

Encroachment on Canadian Jurisdiction

For the contractual and regulatory changes to occur within the timeframe contemplated by the CPUC, that Commission must presume that the NEB would simply acquiesce by taking any necessary complementary regulatory action in Canada relating to export authorizations and transportation access to the ANG pipeline without taking any account of the Canadian public interest.

The Board recognizes that licences to export gas are permissive and any action the Board might take would not change that basic licence characteristic. However, the Board cannot stand idly by when the regulatory actions of others adversely affect the basis upon which it was persuaded to issue a licence. This is so in the case at hand, where contractual arrangements negotiated in good faith underpinning a licence are effectively abrogated by regulatory actions which do not provide sufficient time and a fair negotiating environment for affected parties to adjust and restructure these commercial arrangements.

The CPUC's actions also infringe on the Board's jurisdictional mandate to regulate transportation access on ANG. Because the CPUC actions would significantly and progressively reduce the gas takes by PG&E from PGT and consequently by PGT from A&S and its Canadian producers, there would, as a consequence, be a significant reduction in firm capacity utilization on ANG. Thus, capacity for interruptible transportation would artificially be created on the ANG system due to the reduction in the demand for firm transportation service by A&S. These effects would arise, not because of market factors, but as the direct result of the CPUC regulatory changes which affect the existing long-term contractual arrangements to supply gas to Northern California. It would not be in the Canadian public interest to allow changes to existing transportation arrangements on ANG to occur until appropriate transitional arrangements are in place.

This Board's policy and practice is to allow and encourage the freest possible operation of gas markets, national and international. In seeking to uphold transactions based on

contractual arrangements negotiated in good faith between buyers and sellers, it has provided open access transportation on pipelines. However, the Board's commitment to a freely-functioning gas market does not imply or entail that it automatically take regulatory actions parallel to and supportive of regulatory actions in other jurisdictions, if such action would have the effect of overturning, at short notice and without an adequate transitional period, negotiated contractual arrangements on which this Board placed reliance in its decisions.

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Note to Editors: For further information see the attached Backgrounder.

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BACKGROUNDER

ALBERTA & SOUTHERN LICENCES

Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S") has been authorized to export gas under various licences since 1961. A&S is currently authorized under Licence GL-99 to export 31.9 million cubic metres (1.1 billion cubic feet) per day of natural gas to Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT") for delivery to Northern California markets served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"). The gas is transported from the Alberta-British Columbia border to the international boundary at Kingsgate, British Columbia through Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd's ("ANG") pipeline facilities. In 1991, A&S exported 9.6 billion cubic metres (338.1 billion cubic feet) of natural gas under Licence GL-99 for a total value of \$815.6 million.

In 1987, A&S applied for an amendment to its export Licence GL-99 to extend the term of the licence by 16 years from 1994 to 2010 and to increase the term quantity by six trillion cubic feet. The Board conducted a public hearing pursuant to Order GH-5-88 to deal with the application in December 1988. In May 1989, the Board determined in its *Reasons for Decision, Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd., May 1989* ("GH-5-88 Decision") that the issuance of a new licence to A&S would be in the public interest. However, in view of the heavy reliance upon supply from development contracts in the latter years of the licence term requested, the Board decided to extend Licence GL-99 by issuing a new Licence GL-111 authorizing the export of 116.4 billion cubic metres (4.1 trillion cubic feet) of natural gas to Northern California for a period of 11 years beginning in November 1994.

At the GH-5-88 proceeding the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") filed a letter with the Board supporting the extension of Licence GL-99 and endorsed the concept of a long-term supply commitment from Canada because of the reliability, stability and competitiveness of the A&S supply to meet California's market requirements.

CPUC POLICY AFTER THE GH-5-88 PROCEEDING

Since the GH-5-88 Decision, the CPUC attitude towards the A&S gas supply has changed dramatically. In mid-1990 its view was that PG&E had entered into contractual obligations which "preclude competitive access". The contract prices are seen to be "substantially higher than Canadian market prices"; and PG&E was instructed to renegotiate its A&S producer contracts to "provide for reduced minimum takes and improved flexibility".

In a series of decisions flowing from proceedings initiated by the CPUC, the Commission embarked on a regulatory policy dramatically different from that which was in place at the time of the Board's GH-5-88 proceeding.

CPUC Decisions Relating to this Matter

Decision 90-07-065 Dated 18 July 1990 ("Contract Renegotiation Decision")

Decision 90-09-089 dated 25 September 1990 ("Gas Procurement and Transportation Decision")

Decision 91-02-040 dated 21 February 1991 ("SPURR Decision")

Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge Malcolm dated 19 August 1991 ("Malcolm Decision")

PG&E Application 91-04-003 Filed 1 April 1991 ("Reasonableness Review")

Decision 91-11-025 dated 6 November 1991 ("Capacity Brokering Decision")

Resolution G-2967 dated 6 November 1991 ("Resolution G-2967")

THE CANADIAN PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

On 27 November 1991, the Canadian Petroleum Association ("CPA") filed an amended application for review of the Board's GH-5-88 Decision pertaining to the issuance of Licence GL-111 to A&S for the export of natural gas to Northern California. The amended application was an update of the CPA's earlier application for review which was filed on 29 May 1991.

The amended application requested that the Board take immediate action to counteract the effects of a decision of the CPUC relating to the rules for capacity brokering of pipeline space in California. The CPA requested that the Board review its GH-5-88 Decision in light of the aforesaid action and other actions by the CPUC, all of which constituted new facts and changed circumstances which have arisen since the Board's GH-5-88 Decision.

In its application, as amended, the CPA specifically requested that the Board:

1. immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that prohibits deliveries into the pipeline system of PGT of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT;
2. immediately convene a public hearing to conduct a review of the GH-5-88 Decision in light of the changed circumstances and new facts that have arisen;
3. immediately upon completion of the public hearing:
 - (a) confirm and reiterate that the issuance of Licence GL-111 was authorized by the Board in accordance with its Market-Based Procedure in reliance upon freely negotiated long-term contracts;
 - (b) direct that such long-term contracts shall govern the export of Canadian gas to the Northern California market until restructuring of those contracts is completed and all Canadian and United States regulatory tribunals have, after due process, granted all approvals necessary to allow the restructured contracts to govern; and

- (c) condition all short-term export orders to prohibit deliveries into the pipeline system of PGT of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT. The prohibition should continue until restructuring is completed and all requisite approvals have been obtained after due process; and
- 4. determine and declare that the actions of the CPUC since the issuance of the GH-5-88 Decision are contrary to the intent of Canadian and United States energy policy, the Market-Based Procedure, the GH-5-88 Decision and the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement.

The CPA took the position that the actions of the CPUC were contrary to the GH-5-88 Decision, the Market-Based Procedure, Canadian and United States energy policy and the Free Trade Agreement. It was also the position of the CPA that the CPUC decision violated the sanctity of the contracts upon which the Board based the GH-5-88 Decision. For this reason, the CPA submitted that the Board should take immediate action to neutralize the concerted regulatory effort of the CPUC to frustrate the freely-negotiated contractual undertakings upon which the GH-5-88 Decision was based.

THE BOARD'S HEARING ORDER GH-R-1-91

The Board decided on 12 December 1991, pursuant to sections 12, 21 and 59 of the NEB Act to hold a public hearing and issued Hearing Order GH-R-1-91 on 19 December 1991 to review A&S' gas export Licences GL-99 and GL-111, the Board's GH-5-88 Decision, and inquire into the following issues:

- a) the effects of the regulatory actions and decisions taken in California on existing and proposed exports of Canadian gas authorized by the Board under Licences GL-99 and GL-111;
- b) the consequences of these actions and decisions on the Board's findings and decision in GH-5-88 which were rendered under the Board's Market-Based Procedure;
- c) the likelihood of commercial restructuring of the long-term contractual arrangements underpinning the export licences in view of these actions and decisions and, if such restructuring is to occur, the appropriate period of time for it to take place; consequences of these actions and decisions on the Board's findings and decision in GH-5-88 which were rendered under the Board's Market-Based Procedure;
- d) whether it is permissible within the Board's current authority and, if so, whether it is desirable for the Board to attach a condition to all short-term export orders that would prohibit exports at Kingsgate, British Columbia, of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT and, if so, for what period of time should such a condition remain in effect;
- e) whether access to pipeline capacity on ANG does or should take into account existing long-term contractual arrangements for the sale of Canadian gas to California markets in view of the potential consequences of recent regulatory actions and decisions taken in the United States of America; and

- f) whether amendments to ANG's tariff are required to address those issues raised in paragraph e) or any other effects on the transportation and sale of Canadian gas as a result of the regulatory actions and decisions taken in the United States of America and, if so, for what period of time should the changes to the tariff remain in effect.

By Hearing Order GH-R-1-91, the Board also sought the views of interested parties on whether interim measures, to ensure that exports under long-term licences on the ANG pipeline to California are not displaced by exports under short-term orders, were permissible within the Board's current authority and, if so, whether any should be implemented, pending the outcome of the GH-R-1-91 public hearing. The measures considered by the Board were:

- 1) to immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that prohibits deliveries at Kingsgate, British Columbia of any Canadian gas for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT; and/or
- 2) to suspend any portion of ANG's tariff and to substitute therefor provisions which would address immediately access to firm and interruptible transportation, assignment or brokering of capacity and other terms and conditions of transportation service on the facilities of ANG.

THE INTERIM MEASURES

After considering the comments of interested parties on the proposed interim measures, the Board, on 4 February 1992, issued two interim orders, as interim measures pending the outcome of the hearing. One order required that any company planning to export additional natural gas at Kingsgate, British Columbia and any applicant for short-term export orders for the same export point obtain prior permission of the Board. The second order suspended the right of shippers on ANG to release or transfer any portion of their firm capacity on the ANG pipeline system.



File No: 7200-A004-12

Date: 16 June 1992

ORDER MO-2-92

WHEREAS, by application to the Board dated 29 May 1991, and subsequently amended on 27 November 1991, the Canadian Petroleum Association requested that the Board review its GH-5-88 decision to issue gas export Licence GL-111 to Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S") and that the Board condition all short-term export orders to prohibit deliveries into the Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT") pipeline system of any Canadian gas destined for the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT, until restructuring of existing long-term contracts is completed and necessary regulatory approvals are obtained;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Hearing Order GH-R-1-91, the Board held a public hearing between 24 February and 12 March 1992, to review Licences GL-99 and GL-111 issued to A&S and its decision in GH-5-88 and to inquire into various issues related to the effects of recent regulatory actions and decisions taken by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in the United States of America on existing and proposed exports of Canadian gas to Northern California and on access to pipeline capacity on the system of Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd.

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the evidence and arguments of the parties presented to it at the public hearing held pursuant to Hearing Order GH-R-1-91;

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the implementation by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in the United States of America of its recent decisions is detrimental to Canadian producers, inconsistent with an orderly and fair transition to restructured commercial arrangements for export sales of Canadian gas to Northern California and contrary to the Canadian public interest;

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that measures directed at preventing the substitution of long-term firm exports by short-term export arrangements, pending the restructuring of existing long-term contracts, will not restrict the total amount of firm exports currently authorized by the Board nor the ability of the Northern California market to receive Canadian natural gas under firm long-term export arrangements;

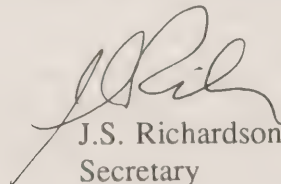
AND WHEREAS the Board has determined that it would be in the public interest to implement the following measures pending the restructuring of existing long-term contractual arrangements and until all necessary regulatory approvals are in place for such new arrangements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board has decided on 16 June 1992, pursuant to sections 13, 19 and 21 of the *National Energy Board Act* and the *National Energy Board Part VI Regulations* ("the Part VI Regulations") to implement, effective 24 June 1992, the following Order:

1. All exports, at the points of exportation situated on the international boundary between Canada and the United States of America, near Kingsgate and Huntingdon, in the Province of British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. for sale into the Northern California market, shall cease.
2. All existing short-term export orders issued by the Board under section 8 of the Part VI Regulations are hereby amended by the addition of the following conditions:

"Exports, at the points of exportation situated on the international boundary between Canada and the United States of America near Kingsgate and Huntingdon, in the Province of British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. for sale into the Northern California market, are not authorized by this order".
3. The condition set out in paragraph 2 to this order shall attach to any new short-term export order to be issued by the Board under the Part VI Regulations.
4. Interim Order MOI-1-92, made by the Board on 4 February 1992, is hereby revoked.

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J.S. Richardson
Secretary



File No.: 7200-A0004-12

Date: 16 June 1992

ORDER TG-5-92

WHEREAS, by application to the Board dated 29 May 1991 and subsequently amended on 27 November 1991, the Canadian Petroleum Association requested that the Board review its GH-5-88 decision to issue gas export Licence GL-111 to Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S") and that the Board condition all short-term export orders to prohibit deliveries into the pipeline system of Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT") of any Canadian gas destined for the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT, until restructuring of existing long-term contracts is completed and necessary regulatory approvals are obtained;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Hearing Order GH-R-1-91, the Board held a public hearing between 24 February and 12 March 1992, to review Licences GL-99 and GL-111 issued to A&S and its decision in GH-5-88 and to inquire into various issues related to the effects of recent regulatory actions and decisions taken by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and on access to pipeline capacity on the system of Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd ("ANG").

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the evidence and arguments of the parties presented to it at the public hearing held pursuant to Hearing Order GH-R-1-91;

WHEREAS, the Board is satisfied that measures addressing the assignment or brokering of firm capacity and suspending interruptible transportation service on the pipeline system of ANG will not restrict the total amount of firm exports currently authorized by the Board nor the ability of the Northern California market to receive Canadian gas under firm long-term export arrangements;

WHEREAS the Board has determined, as a question of fact, that restricting the assignment or brokering of capacity and suspending interruptible transportation service on the pipeline system of ANG will not result in unjust discrimination within the meaning of the *National Energy Board Act* ("the Act");

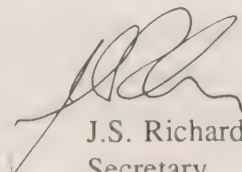
AND WHEREAS the Board has determined that it would be in the public interest to implement the following measures pending the restructuring of existing long-term contractual arrangements and until all necessary regulatory approvals are in place for such new arrangements;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board has decided on 16 June 1992, pursuant to sections 13, 19, 21, 59, 65 and 66 of the Act, to implement, effective 24 June 1992, the following Order:

1. Interim Order TGI-1-92, made by the Board on 4 February 1992, is hereby revoked;
2. The Board suspends the application of sub-clause (a) of Clause 16.6 of Article XVI of the General Terms and Conditions contained in the Gas Transportation Service Documents of ANG and hereby substitutes for such sub-clause the following provision:

"16.6 (a) Subject to sub-clause (b) and (c) of this Article 16.6, the Service Agreement into which these General Terms and Conditions are incorporated shall not be assigned in whole or in part by Shipper."
3. The Board suspends Service Schedule IS-1 contained in the Gas Transportation Service Documents of ANG for delivery of any gas to the point of exportation situated on the international boundary between Canada and the United States of America, near Kingsgate, in the Province of British Columbia ("Kingsgate"), and hereby directs ANG to cease forthwith to provide interruptible transportation service to any shipper for deliveries at Kingsgate unless such service is specifically authorized by the Board pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Order.
4. The Board may, upon the joint application of ANG and a prospective interruptible shipper, authorize ANG to provide interruptible transportation service to the applicant shipper for deliveries of gas at Kingsgate, in accordance with the terms and conditions of Service Schedule IS-1 contained in the Gas Transportation Service Documents of ANG, if the Board is satisfied that the gas to be delivered at Kingsgate is destined for utilization in the Pacific Northwest or the Southern California market areas in the United States of America.
5. ANG is hereby directed to serve a copy of this Order on all its current and prospective shippers.

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NEB APPROVES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE COMPANY LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved new tolls for 1992 for Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. of Vancouver. The new tolls, based on the approved cost of service and throughput forecast, are 2.7 percent less than the 1991 tolls and approximately 8.3 percent less than the tolls the Company has been charging on an interim basis since 1 January 1992. The Company had requested an increase in tolls of approximately five percent above the 1991 tolls.

The Decision follows a public hearing held in Vancouver and Calgary in March, 1992.

As a result of a request by Trans Mountain, the Board released its decision on tolls in advance of its full Reasons for Decision. The early release of the toll order will enable the Company to immediately refund to shippers the savings resulting from the lower tolls approved.

The Board also released its decision with respect to the toll methodology for facilities to be constructed by Trans Mountain for the transportation of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE).

The Board's full Reasons for Decision will be released in late July.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES BLACKHORSE EXTENSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board today announced that because of new facts and changed circumstances it has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary to construct its Blackhorse Extension in southwestern Ontario.

The decision is a result of public hearings held in May 1992 at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Calgary, Alberta, to review the Board's decision of July, 1991 to deny TransCanada permission to build the Blackhorse Extension and its associated facilities.

The proposed facilities, estimated to cost \$39 million, would involve construction of a 20.6 kilometre (12.8 mile) pipeline extending from the Blackhorse metering station near Thorold, Ontario to a new export point at Chippawa, Ontario. At that point the Blackhorse Extension would interconnect with proposed facilities of the Empire State Pipeline in the United States. The facilities would allow Canadian and U.S. gas supplies to be delivered to the New York State market.

In its July 1991 Decision, the Board found that the proposed Empire markets could be served in a timely fashion by less expensive and environmentally superior means through expansion of TransCanada's already-built Niagara line which connects with existing American pipelines. The alternatives however, are no longer viable in the foreseeable future because they have been rejected by American regulators and no new applications have been made. The Board also found that despite its earlier Decision, the Blackhorse/Empire customers and regulatory and energy policy agencies have made it clear through their subsequent actions that they desire an independent, alternative source of gas supply. The Board says in its Reasons for Decision that putting one of the existing pipelines in control of part of the transportation route is not compatible with that objective.

The Board also found in its initial decision that there was no indication any party would be unduly adversely affected by the denial of the Blackhorse facilities. Subsequent events indicate that Canadian natural gas sales revenue has been reduced or lost and other sales of Canadian gas put at risk.

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The Board's July 1991 decision also indicated concerns about the strength of the western and central New York State market. The current evidence points to a potentially increased market demand for natural gas, and increased requirements for service on Blackhorse above the firm volumes underpinning TransCanada's application.

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ALTAMONT GAS TRANSMISSION CANADA LIMITED - APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE - PRELIMINARY QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Calgary - The National Energy Board announced today that it will consider, by means of written submission, a jurisdictional question arising from an application by Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited ("Altamont Canada") to construct an international natural gas pipeline in southern Alberta.

Altamont Canada has applied to the Board for approval to construct a 300-metre segment of pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$287,000. The proposed Altamont Canada pipeline is one link in a proposed pipeline system intended to export Canadian gas to markets in the United States, principally in southern California. The capacity of the system would be 20.8 million cubic metres (736 million cubic feet) per day.

The proposed pipeline would connect upstream with a proposed 200-kilometre long pipeline to be owned and operated by Nova Corporation of Alberta ("NOVA") leading from NOVA's Empress, Alberta Compressor Station. Downstream at the Alberta/Montana border near Wild Horse, Alberta, the proposed pipeline would connect with a 998-kilometre long pipeline proposed by Altamont Gas Transmission Company ("Altamont (U.S.)"). The Altamont (U.S.) line would connect downstream at Opal, Wyoming with the existing pipeline of Kern River Gas Transmission Company leading to California.

Altamont Canada is seeking authorization to construct the 300-metre segment of pipeline under a provision of the National Energy Board Act that applies only to pipelines not exceeding in any case forty kilometres in length. The Board has to determine whether the proposed pipeline that would be subject to federal jurisdiction satisfies this criteria in order to confirm that it has the statutory authority to grant the authorization as requested by Altamont Canada.

Any interested party wishing to make a submission with respect to the preliminary question of jurisdiction has to notify the Board by 9 July 1992. Written submissions are to be filed by 27 July 1992. Altamont Canada will have until 10 August 1992 to reply to any submissions made by interested parties.

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JURISDICTION QUESTION

The preliminary question of jurisdiction is as follows:

Is the proposed pipeline of the Applicant part of a larger extraprovincial work to be constructed from a point near Empress, Alberta to a point of connection in the United States, the entire Canadian portion of which is subject to the jurisdiction of Parliament pursuant to section 92(10)(a) of the *Constitution Act 1867*, having regard to the following factors:

- (a) the physical connections between the pipelines of NOVA , Altamont Canada, and Altamont (U.S.);
- (b) the operation of the NOVA and Altamont Canada pipelines as a pipeline wholly or substantially dedicated to the export of a commodity from Canada; and
- (c) the purposes to be served by the construction of the pipelines of NOVA and Altamont Canada.

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NEB ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF NORTHERN GAS EXPORTS ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING

Calgary - The National Energy Board today released the results of its environmental screening of proposed natural gas exports from the Mackenzie Delta to the United States.

In August 1989, the Board approved licences allowing the export of gas from the Delta by Esso Resources Canada Limited, Gulf Canada Resources and Shell Canada Limited. The licences authorize the export of 260 billion cubic metres (9.2 trillion cubic feet) over a 20-year period beginning in November 1996.

In February 1990, the Board informed the Minister of Energy Mines and Resources, the Honourable Jake Epp, that it would conduct an environmental screening of the export proposal in order to comply with the requirements of the federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order.

As a result of its screening, the Board found that there are no potentially adverse environmental effects associated with the issuance of the export licences. The potential environmental effects identified by the Board relate to the construction and operation of the facilities which will be required to allow the export to take place. Environmental assessments for such facilities will be carried out by the relevant authorities at the appropriate time. Accordingly, the Board was satisfied that the exports themselves have no potential adverse environmental effects and the issuance of these licences may proceed without further environmental assessment.

The Board noted that all the facilities related to the development, production and transmission of the gas will be subjected to a thorough scrutiny by regulatory authorities which will include examination of the environmental and directly related social effects.

In a letter addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Board recommends Governor-in-Council approval of the licences issued to Esso, Gulf and Shell without further environmental review.

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NEB RECEIVES TOLL INCREASE APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1993 for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The tolls requested by TCPL for the Eastern Zone average 1.7 percent higher than the tolls in effect during 1992.

The company also requested an 8.5 percent increase in its revenue requirement, from \$1,439.6 million to \$1,561.5 million and applied to maintain the rate of return on common equity of 13.25 percent that the Board approved for it in 1992.

As part of its application, TCPL filed a Task Force Report which has been prepared by a joint industry task force. The Task Force Report contains a description of the issues which were dealt with by the Task Force along with the Task Force's recommendations on each issue. The Task Force is conducting on-going meetings with the aim of reaching an agreement on certain elements of the revenue requirement and the appropriate level of rate of return on common equity.

TransCanada operates a large diameter gas transmission pipeline extending from Alberta to Quebec.

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NEB RELEASES REASONS FOR DECISION ON TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE
COMPANY LTD. TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board today released its Reasons for Decision for new tolls for 1992 approved for Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. of Vancouver. The Board announced on 23 June 1992 that new tolls, based on the approved cost of service and throughput forecast, are 2.7 percent less than the 1991 tolls and approximately 8.3 percent less than the tolls the company had been charging on an interim basis since 1 January 1992. The company had requested an increase in tolls of approximately five percent above the 1991 tolls.

The Decision announced a reduction in the Company's allowed deemed common equity ratio to 47.5 percent from 50 percent and reduced the allowed return on deemed common equity to 12.5 percent. The company had originally applied for a 14 percent return on common equity which it later reduced to 13.5 percent.

The Decision follows a public hearing held in Vancouver and Calgary in March, 1992.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1993 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1993, for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The hearing will be held in Calgary, Alberta, beginning 13 October 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room at 311 6th Avenue S.W.

Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by 12 August 1992.

The tolls requested by TCPL for the Eastern Zone average 1.7 percent higher than the tolls in effect during 1992.

The company has also requested an 8.5 percent increase in its revenue requirement, from \$1,439.6 million to \$1,561.5 million and applied to maintain the rate of return on common equity of 13.25 percent that the Board approved for it in 1992. Although TCPL has utilized this rate of return in its application, a joint industry task force is conducting on-going meetings to try to reach an agreement with TCPL on the appropriate level of return for 1993.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas pipeline transmission system extending from Alberta to Quebec.

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NEB APPROVES SEVEN NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued six new licences and transferred an existing licence authorizing the export of some 7.8 million cubic metres (277 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from 10 to 17 years.

The Board issued one licence to each of AG-Energy, L.P., Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc., Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Company, Husky Oil Operations Ltd., Petro-Canada, and TransCanada PipeLines Limited, and transferred an existing licence to Transco Energy Marketing Company/CanStates Gas Marketing.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 21, 22 and 23 April 1992 in Calgary, Alberta. During the hearing, the Board also considered applications for export from CanWest Gas Supply Inc., Enserch Development Corporation, on behalf of Encogen Northwest, L.P., Kamine Natural Dam Cogen Co., Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and three applications by Makowski Selkirk, Inc. on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P. filed jointly with ATCOR Ltd., Esso Resources Canada and PanCanadian Petroleum Limited. The Board decided to issue its Decision on seven of the applications at this time because of contractual obligations of the applicants. The Board will issue its decisions on the remainder of the applications as soon as possible.

The following is a summary of the licences issued by the Board:

AG-Energy, L.P. to export some 467 000 cubic metres (16.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years and two months. The gas, to be exported near Iroquois, Ontario, will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed in the City of Ogdensburg, New York.

Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc. to export some 273 900 cubic metres (9.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 10 years. The gas, to be exported near Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be used by Washington Natural Gas Company as system supply. Washington Natural is a local distribution company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial consumers in northwest Washington, including Seattle and Tacoma.

Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Company to export some 1.4 million cubic metres (50 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 12 years. The Board decided, because of a shortfall in productive capacity beginning as early as 1999, to issue a licence for a 12-year term rather than the 14-year term requested. The gas, to be exported near Aden, Alberta, will be used as system supply by The Montana Power Company to serve its customers in the western two-thirds of Montana.

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Esso Resources Canada Limited ("ERCL"), Esso Resources Canada ("ERC"), Transco Energy Marketing Company ("TEMCO") and CanStates Gas Marketing ("CSGM"), in a joint application, applied to the Board for:

- (a) approval of the transfer by ERCL and TEMCO of gas export Licence GL-136 to GasTrade Inc., ANG Resource Marketing Ltd. and 375660 Alberta Ltd. carrying on business together in partnership under the name CSGM, and TEMCO;
- (b) approval of the assignment by ERC to CSGM of all of ERC's interest in a gas sale contract dated 11 December 1980, as amended, which is currently between ERC and TEMCO; and
- (c) approval of certain amendments to the gas sale contract as set out in an agreement between TEMCO, CSGM and Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. dated 30 August 1991.

Licence GL-136 authorizes the export of a maximum daily volume of 2 125 000 cubic metres (75 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day near Niagara Falls, Ontario. The gas is sold to TEMCO for resale to three U.S. local distribution companies. The Board has approved the transfer of Licence GL-136 to CSGM and TEMCO, approved the assignment of the 11 December 1980 contract to CSGM and approved the amendments to the 30 August 1991 contract.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. to export some 366 thousand cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 17 years and 3 months. The gas, to be exported near Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Petro-Canada to export some 410 thousand cubic metres (14.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 17 years and 3 months. The gas, to be exported near Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

TransCanada PipeLines Limited to export some 2 785 000 cubic metres (98.35 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 13 years. The gas, to be exported near Emerson, Manitoba, will be used by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership as compressor fuel and associated gas. The purpose of the application is to replace a licence which expired on 31 October 1991.

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LICENCES APPROVED IN THE GH-1-92 REASONS FOR DECISION, VOLUME I

Application	Buyer (Type of market)	Term	Export Point	<u>Maximum Quantities</u>		
				Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)
1. AG-Energy	AG-Energy (cogen. plant)	1 Sept. 1993 to 31 Oct. 2009	Iroquois, Ontario	467.0 (16.5)	170.6 (6.0)	2 587.0 (91.3)
2. CHMI	WNG (system supply)	1 Nov. 1992 to 31 Oct. 2002	Huntingdon, British Columbia	273.9 (9.7)	100.0 (3.5)	1 000.3 (35.3)
3. CMPL	MPC (system supply)	1 Nov. 1992 to 31 Oct. 2004	Aden, Alberta	1 416.4 (50.0)	283.3 (10.0)	3 399.6 (120.0)
4. ERC/ERCL/ TEMCO/CSGM	TEMCO (system supply)	GiC approval to 31 Oct. 2002	Niagara Falls, Ontario	2 125.0 (75.0)	775.6 (27.4)	9 307.5 (328.6)
5. Husky	Tenaska (cogen. plant)	for 17.25 years following 1st del.	Huntingdon, British Columbia	366.2 (13.0)	133.7 (4.8)	2 306.6 (81.9)
6. Petro-Canada	Tenaska (cogen. plant)	for 17.25 years following 1st del.	Huntingdon, British Columbia	409.6 (14.1)	149.6 (5.1)	2 580.9 (91.1)
7. TransCanada	GLGT (fuel gas)	GiC approval to 31 Oct. 2005	Emerson, Manitoba	2 785.0 (98.4)	875.0 (30.9)	12 035.0 (424.9)

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NEB RELEASES A NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORT ON LONG-TERM CANADIAN NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board today issued a report entitled "*Natural Gas Market Assessment: Long-Term Canadian Natural Gas Contracts*". This study was undertaken as part of the Board's ongoing monitoring of the Canadian natural gas market.

The report provides a comprehensive descriptive analysis of the changes which have occurred in the nature of long-term contracts governing the sale of western Canadian gas in the domestic and export markets from 1985 to 1991. The study analyses the contractual arrangements which underpin such gas flows; it does not analyse the flows themselves.

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BACKGROUND

Summary And Conclusions

Prior to 1985, the year in which deregulation of the natural gas industry began in Canada and the United States, effectively all western Canadian natural gas was sold under long-term contracts. There were only a small number of buyers and sellers and the format and structure of long-term contracts remained unchanged for almost three decades. These contracts were the foundation for much of the financing required to build the Canadian natural gas industry.

Since the mid 1980's several fundamental changes have occurred to the long-term contracting regime governing the sale of Canadian natural gas. The impetus for this change has been the deregulation of natural gas prices and markets in Canada and the United States, which created the opportunity for a large number of new buyers and sellers to enter the market. Additional factors that have influenced contracting practices since deregulation have been the emergence of the Northeast United States as a major new market region for Canadian gas requiring large investments in Canadian and United States pipeline facilities, and the development of cogeneration, also primarily in the Northeast United States, as an important new market sector for natural gas.

In many respects, the changes that have occurred since the mid 1980's will set the pattern for future contracting practices in the natural gas industry. The most important changes have been:

- 1) increased flexibility for both the buyer and the seller in long-term contracts, thereby enabling the parties to respond more readily to changing demand and supply conditions. Many long-term agreements today provide the contracting parties with much of the same flexibility as short-term contracts while still giving the seller a secure long-term outlet for its gas supply and providing the buyer with a reliable and stable source of gas;
- 2) greater balance between the buyer's obligations to purchase and the seller's obligation to deliver and increasing the prospect of a successful and enduring business relationship, reducing the risk of contract disputes over the full term of the agreement;
- 3) flexible and increasingly simple contract pricing terms that track competitive market conditions, therefore reducing the risk to both parties of contract prices that are "off market" for extended periods;
- 4) shorter contract terms that enable the parties to "adjust" sooner and more fully to unanticipated structural changes in the natural gas industry;
- 5) reduced contract volumes as smaller end-users and smaller producer/marketers enter the market and as larger buyers and sellers continue to diversify their supply portfolios and market outlets; diversified supply sources and markets increase the reliability of supply and the stability of market outlets; and

- 6) unbundling gas sales and transportation service providing both buyers and sellers with a wider range of contracting options and choices.

While long-term contracts governing the sale of western Canadian gas have changed significantly since deregulation, the changes and trends have not been uniform across all market areas, and important differences exist in the pattern of export contracts compared to domestic contracts.

Structure of Export vs. Domestic Contracts

The Alberta/Saskatchewan market for natural gas has changed little since deregulation in 1985. The long-term contracts supplying this market were not subject to federal price regulations and the structure of these agreements has remained unchanged since the 1960's. The major local distribution companies ("LDC") not only act as demand aggregators, but they also act as their own supply aggregators. The major Alberta and Saskatchewan LDC's purchase most of their gas requirements directly from a large number of producer/marketers under relatively small volume contracts. (Sask Energy's major contracts with Western Gas Marketing Limited ("WGML") terminated in late 1991.)

Since deregulation the trend in the structure of contracts to supply the other domestic market regions, British Columbia and central Canada, has been towards a structure similar to the Alberta/Saskatchewan contracts:

- 1) the British Columbia, Manitoba and central Canadian LDCs now act as their own supply aggregators, purchasing their long-term gas requirements on a portfolio basis from a range of producer/marketers as well as the traditional aggregators. These contracts are also much smaller than the typical agreements that existed prior to deregulation,
- 2) the point of purchase on the LDC contracts has shifted upstream to the inlet of the major transmission systems. Today, the Manitoba and central Canadian LDCs purchase virtually all their long-term gas requirements at the Alberta/Saskatchewan border at the inlet to the TransCanada PipeLines Limited ("TCPL") pipeline system. BC Gas Inc. purchases its gas requirements at a variety of points on the Westcoast Energy Inc. system, including the wellhead and the city gate; and
- 3) reliance on gas purchased under long-term contracts has declined. Western Canadian gas committed under long-term contracts to all three major domestic market regions has declined substantially since deregulation as a result of industrial, commercial and, more recently, the residential sector purchasing directly from producer/marketers under short-term (typically one to two year) gas contracts.

In contrast to the domestic markets:

- 1) United States demand aggregators (i.e., United States interstate pipelines and LDCs) in large part continue to purchase Canadian gas from supply aggregators, although increasingly United States demand aggregators, particularly United States LDCs, have elected to diversify their portfolio of Canadian gas (eg., Consumers Power Company, Northern Natural Gas Company and Northern States Power Company ("NSP")) through direct purchases with several producer/marketers. (In California, Pacific Gas and

Electric Company ("PG&E") has always acted as its own supply aggregator through its Canadian subsidiary, Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S").)

- 2) United States demand aggregators have not shifted the point of purchase of their Canadian gas on their long-term contracts upstream. United States LDCs and interstate pipelines continue in almost all cases to purchase Canadian gas at the export point on the Canada/United States border. There are noteworthy exceptions. For example, the recent agreement between NSP and Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. in which the point of sale is the inlet to the TCPL pipeline. NSP will hold the transportation contract on TCPL. Other exceptions are the contracts between WGML and Northern Natural Gas Company, and the Shell Canada Limited contracts with Enron Gas Marketing Inc. and Midwest Gas Company in which the Canadian seller (or its United States marketing affiliate) will transport the gas to the point of sale, Ventura, Iowa. Finally, PG&E, through its affiliate, A&S, purchases gas at the fieldgate.

As in the Canadian market, the volume of western Canadian gas committed under long-term contracts has declined in the United States Pacific Northwest and the United States Midwest and sales of short-term gas have increased dramatically (most short-term gas is sold on a spot rather than a firm basis to United States buyers). The exception has been the United States Northeast market, where there has been a significant increase in long-term contracts to support the necessary pipeline construction to serve the region and to secure financing for cogeneration plants. To date, the volume of gas contracted on a long-term basis to the California market has remained relatively stable.

In the past, the only Canadian buyers of long-term gas have been the LDCs and, within Alberta, several industrial buyers. More recently, Canadian cogeneration plants have purchased gas under long-term agreements but these contracts are not in the public domain and are not included in this *Natural Gas Market Assessment* Report. United States purchasers of long-term Canadian gas include LDCs, interstate pipelines and cogeneration plants and, more recently, electric utilities.

Differences in Terms and Conditions between Export and Domestic Contracts

The terms and conditions of long-term contracts vary considerably, not only between market regions but also within market regions and it is difficult to make distinctions between the terms and conditions of export and domestic long-term contracts. Nevertheless, within specific domestic markets, there are noteworthy developments that can be contrasted with export agreements.

Buyer's Obligation to Purchase

Two important contract conditions have emerged since deregulation regarding the buyer's obligation to purchase.

- 1) The operational demand volume ("ODV") adjustment mechanisms: almost all long-term agreements to supply domestic markets have an ODV adjustment clause. (Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Limited/Northwestern Utilities Limited contracts in Alberta have a "market out" provision which is similar to an ODV mechanism.) In contrast, only a small number of export contracts include similar mechanisms.

- 2) **Commitments not to self-displace:** within Canada, the buyers in the central Canadian market have backed their obligation to purchase with no self-displacement ("NSD") commitments which reduce the risk of the buyer "shopping the market". (In the Alberta/Saskatchewan market region, the buyer's obligations are backed by high take-or-pay commitments.) Relatively few United States buyers have backed their purchase obligations with NSD clauses. While many export contracts have take-or-pay and deficiency charges, the threshold levels tend to be at relatively low levels, leaving the seller exposed to the risk that the buyer will "shop the market" for at least part of the contract volumes. To a limited extent, this risk is reduced if the seller has access to pipeline capacity and can sell unominated gas on the spot market.

Seller's Obligation to Deliver

Under virtually all long-term contracts to supply gas to the three domestic market regions, the seller's obligations to deliver are backed either by dedicated reserves or corporate warranties. In the case of export contracts, a significant number of agreements are backed by dedicated reserves and warranties. However, there are also a large number of export contracts executed prior to and after deregulation that are not backed by either reserves or warranties. The largest proportion of these contracts are with supply aggregators in which the gas purchased by the aggregator from producers is backed by dedicated reserves.

Long-Term Contract Prices

There is an important distinction between the pricing provisions of export and domestic contracts. The prices of almost all domestic long-term contracts are renegotiated annually. (The few exceptions are indexed to the negotiated prices on other domestic contracts, eg., the WGML/Centra Manitoba Gas Inc. contract price is indexed to the Ontario LDC prices.) While a small number of export contracts require the price to be renegotiated annually (eg., A&S/PG&E), the largest proportion of export contracts have indexed pricing provisions. Contract prices are typically based on market value and indexed to the buyer's alternatives, usually the price of United States supplies of gas and, in a smaller number of cases, oil product prices.

All domestic contracts enable pricing disputes to be settled through either final offer or conventional arbitration. Approximately 50 percent of export contracts allow pricing disputes to be settled through arbitration. In the event of a dispute under contracts with no provision for arbitration, the status quo would normally prevail.

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NEB DISMISSES APPLICATION BY ALTAMONT FOR REVIEW AND STAY OF DECISION TO APPROVE ANG'S EXPANSION PROJECT

Calgary - The National Energy Board has dismissed a joint application by Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited and Altamont Gas Transmission Limited for a review and stay of the Board's decision this past May approving an application by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. for addition of compression to its natural gas pipeline system in southern British Columbia.

The Alberta Natural Gas expansion is one link in an overall expansion of the existing Alberta to California gas transmission system owned, from north to south, by Alberta Natural Gas and Foothills Pipe Lines (South B.C.) Ltd., Pacific Gas Transmission Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The expansion is intended to increase export capacity by 24.7 million cubic metres (872 million cubic feet) per day commencing November 1993 to serve markets in California and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

In dismissing the application, the Board found there were insufficient grounds for a review and stay of the decision.

Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited and Altamont Gas Transmission Company are proposing to construct a new pipeline system to deliver Canadian natural gas to markets in the western U.S., principally in California. An application by Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited to construct related pipeline facilities in southern Alberta remains under consideration by the Board.

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NEB ISSUES ELECTRICITY EXPORT PERMITS TO MANITOBA HYDRO

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued three permits to the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the export of electricity to Northern States Power Company and United Power Association.

Northern States Power Company serves customers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan. United Power Association serves customers in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The exports will be made during the summer months, 1 May through to 31 October, for periods of up to 24 years in accordance with the terms of seasonal diversity agreements which provide for the return of electricity to Manitoba Hydro during the winter season.

The permits allow for the export of firm power and energy. The first permit is for the export of up to 200 megawatts (MW) and 883 gigawatt hours (GW.h) per year to Northern States Power for a period of 20 years beginning in 1997. The second permit allows the export of up to 400 MW and 1766 GW.h per year to Northern States Power in 1993 and 1994 as well as up to 150 MW and 663 GW.h per year for a period of 23 years beginning in 1995. The third permit is for the export of up to 150 MW and 663 GW.h per year for a period of 24 years beginning in 1995.

In examining Manitoba Hydro's application, the Board sought the views of interested parties including the general public.

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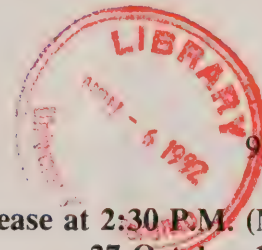
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NEB ANNOUNCES 1992 TOLLS FOR ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY LTD

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved new tolls to be charged by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd ("ANG") of Calgary, effective 7 February 1992.

The Board conducted a written proceeding after receiving letters of complaint from the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada ("IPAC") and Czar Resources Limited concerning ANG's appropriate rate of return. The company had proposed a rate of return on common equity of 13.25 percent after tax. ANG originally filed its rates amendment to be effective 1 February 1992. After receiving the letters of complaint, the Board made the applied-for tolls interim, effective 7 February 1992.

The Board, in its Reasons for Decision released today, reduced the deemed common equity ratio to 30 percent from 35 percent and set the rate of return on deemed common equity at 12 percent. The allowed rate for ANG's deemed debt cost has been reduced to 9.5 percent from 11.5 percent. These changes should reduce tolls by approximately 3.9 percent.

Alberta Natural Gas owns and operates a natural gas transmission system some 171 kilometres long in southeastern British Columbia, and transports natural gas from the Alberta border to an export point at Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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**For Release at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)
12 November 1992**

NEB APPROVES FACILITIES EXPANSION FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has granted permission to TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) of Calgary to build the facilities applied for in its 1993-1994 application.

The approved facilities will expand TCPL's natural gas pipeline system in western and central Canada for the contract year commencing November 1993. The company will construct 366.1 kilometres of new pipeline loop across the system and install 42.8 megawatts of new compression at an estimated cost of \$501.2 million. The expansion will allow TCPL to provide 6 061 thousand cubic meters (214 million cubic feet) per day of new firm service of which 2 548 thousand cubic metres (90 million cubic feet) per day would be for domestic service and the remaining 3 513 thousand cubic metres (124 million cubic feet) per day would be to service new export markets.

The Board said in its Reasons for Decision that it was satisfied that the supply arrangements of the shippers, which supported the request for additional capacity, were sufficient to ensure long-term utilization of the facilities. The Board determined that the proposed expansion was economically feasible, given that there was a strong likelihood the facilities would be used at a reasonable level over their economic life and that demand charges would be paid.

A public hearing was held in Calgary, Alberta in August, 1992. The certificate to be issued by the Board requires Governor in Council approval.

TransCanada operates a natural gas pipeline system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through part of Quebec.

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For release at 2:30 p.m. MT
19 November 1992

NEB APPROVES SEVEN NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued seven new licences authorizing the export of some 5 million cubic metres (178 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods of 12 to 15 years.

The Board issued one licence to each of **CanWest Gas Supply Inc., Encogen Northwest, L.P., Kamine Natural Dam Cogen Co., Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation** and three licences to **Makowski Selkirk, Inc.** on behalf of **Selkirk Cogen Partners II, L.P.** to be held jointly with **ATCOR Ltd., Imperial Oil Resources Limited** and **PanCanadian Petroleum Limited**.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 21, 22 and 23 April 1992 in Calgary, Alberta. During the hearing, the Board also considered applications for export from **AG-Energy, L.P., Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc., Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Company, Husky Oil Operations Ltd., Petro-Canada, and TransCanada PipeLines Limited**, and an application to transfer an existing licence to **Transco Energy Marketing Company/CanStates Gas Marketing**. The Board issued its Decision on those applications in August because of contractual obligations of the applicants.

Licences issued by the Board today are for:

CanWest Gas Supply Inc. to export 2 606 000 cubic metres (92 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 12 years. The gas, to be exported at Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be sold to Northwest Natural Gas Company for system supply. Northwest Natural is a local distribution company providing services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in the States of Oregon and Washington.

Encogen Northwest, L.P. to export 271 800 cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas, to be exported near Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be used to fuel a gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration plant to be constructed near Bellingham, Washington.

Kamine Natural Dam Cogen Co., Inc. to export 348 400 cubic metres (12.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas, to be exported near Iroquois, Ontario, will be used to fuel a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located at the site of the James River paper mill in Natural Dam, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Makowski Selkirk, Inc., on behalf of Selkirk Cogen Partners L.P. and ATCOR Ltd., Imperial Oil Resources Limited Limited and Pan Canadian Petroleum Limited - Three licences to export some 1.6 million cubic metres (55 million cubic feet) of natural



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gas per day for 15 years and 5 months. The gas, to be exported near Iroquois, Ontario, will be used by Selkirk to produce electricity at its gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration power plant to be located in Selkirk, New York.

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") to export 255 000 cubic metres (9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 12 years. The gas, to be exported near Napierville, Quebec, and Niagara Falls, Iroquois and Chippewa, Ontario, will be used to serve NYSEG's new franchise areas in Clinton County, New York.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached table for more information on the volumes approved.

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Approved Volumes

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)
CanWest/ Northwest Natural	2 606 (92)	952 (34)	11 415 (403)
Encogen/ Encogen	271.8 (9.6)	99.1 (3.5)	1 441 (50.9)
Kamine/ Kamine	348.4 (12.3)	117.8 (4.2)	1 767.1 (62.4)
Selkirk & ATCOR/ Selkirk	479 (17)	176 (6.21)	2 712 (95.75)
Selkirk & Imperial/ Selkirk	538.2 (19)	196.6 (6.94)	3 031 (107)
Selkirk & PanCanadian/ Selkirk	538.2 (19)	196.6 (6.94)	3 031 (107)
NYSEG/ NYSEG	255 (9)	93.1 (3.3)	1 117 (39.6)

Measures:

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON INTER-UTILITY ELECTRICITY TRADE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board today released two discussion papers describing issues surrounding interprovincial trade in electricity. The Board is requesting comment from interested parties on these papers.

The two papers have been prepared as part of the Board's consultative process, following a request from the federal Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to identify and recommend measures to enhance interprovincial electricity trade. The Board will report back to the Minister once responses from interested parties have been received.

The discussion papers are entitled *Inter-Utility Cooperation* and *Transmission Access and Wheeling*. (Wheeling is the transmission of power belonging to one utility through the circuits of another utility for delivery either to a third party or back to the originating utility.)

Inter-Utility Cooperation examines potential measures to increase electricity trade in Canada, and between Canada and the United States, and suggests a range of options to promote inter-utility cooperation. As background, it describes the evolution of Canadian electric systems and related federal and provincial regulations. It also outlines previous efforts to promote cooperation at all levels between systems.

Transmission Access and Wheeling suggests principles and options for arranging wheeling services in Canada. As background it describes the evolution of wheeling services to date in the United States and in Canada, as well as concepts and key principles of wheeling from economic, technical and institutional standpoints.

The discussion papers have been sent to interested parties including electric utilities, independent power producers, regulatory authorities, government departments, associations, interconnected power pools and others.

Written responses are to be filed with the Board and sent to other interested parties by January 29, 1993. All parties have been invited to submit comments on the responses by March 12, 1993.

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**NEB GRANTS AN APPLICATION BY FSC RESOURCES, SARANAC POWER
AND SHELL CANADA FOR A LICENCE TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS**

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has decided to grant an application by **FSC Resources Limited, Saranac Power Partners, L.P. and Shell Canada Limited** regarding a new gas export licence. The Board will recommend to the Governor in Council that a joint licence be issued to **Saranac Power and Shell**. The Board has decided to deny the request to issue the licence document prior to Governor in Council approval. In the Board's view, such a document would lack substance. The proposed export is for some 1 445 000 cubic metres (51 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Napierville, Quebec for 15 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed near Plattsburg, New York. The Board decided to issue its Decision, without the attendant Reasons for Decision, at this time at the request of the applicants who need to close financing for construction of the **Saranac** cogeneration facility in early December. The Board will issue its Reasons for Decision in early 1993.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held on 25 and 26 August 1992 in Calgary, Alberta. During the hearing, the Board also considered applications for export from **BP Resources Canada Limited, Kamine Beaver Falls Cogen Co., Inc.**, as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P.**, **Kamine Syracuse Cogen Co., Inc.**, as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.**, and three applications from **Western Gas Marketing Limited**. The Board will issue its decisions on those applications in early 1993.

The Application

FSC Resources, Saranac and Shell had applied to:

- (a) transfer Licence GL-138 from **FSC Resources** to **Saranac and Shell** to be held jointly by them; and
- (b) amend Licence GL-138 by extending the sunset date to 28 February 1995; changing the term to commence 1 November 1993 or the date of first deliveries and continuing for 15 years; and changing the volumes that may be exported over the term of the licence to 7 155 million cubic metres (256 billion cubic feet) from 8 376.7 million cubic metres (295.7 billion cubic feet).

In the alternative, **Saranac and Shell** requested a new licence with the same terms and conditions as set out above.



Licence GL-138 authorized the export at Napierville of 1 530 000 cubic metres (54 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for a 15-year period. The gas was to be used to fuel three cogeneration facilities to be constructed near Plattsburg, New York.

The Board decided, rather than transfer and amend Licence GL-138, to issue a new licence to **Saranac** and **Shell** and to revoke Licence GL-138.

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8 December 1992

NEB SCHEDULES A HEARING ON SEVEN APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing applications from seven companies for licences to export natural gas.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 22 February 1993 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The applications the Board will consider at the hearing are as follows:

Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc. is requesting a 4-year licence to export some 136 400 cubic metres (4.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Huntingdon, British Columbia, would be sold to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation as system supply to serve its residential, commercial and industrial consumers in the states of Washington and Oregon.

CanStates Gas Marketing is requesting a 15-year licence to export some 1 261 400 cubic metres (44.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Iroquois, Ontario, will be used to fuel a proposed power plant to be constructed by Rotterdam Generating Company, L.P. in Rotterdam, New York.

CanWest Gas Supply Inc. is requesting a 15-year licence to export some 273 200 cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Huntingdon, British Columbia, will be sold to TM Star Fuel Company, a company formed for the purpose of buying gas supplies and reselling and arranging transportation of such supplies to affiliated cogeneration facilities, and will be used to fuel a proposed cogeneration facility located within Texaco Refining and Marketing Inc.'s Puget Sound Plant, a refinery near Anacortes in Skagit County, Washington.

Enron Gas Marketing, Inc. is requesting a 12-year licence to export some 805 000 cubic metres (28.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Chippawa, Ontario, will be used to fuel a proposed cogeneration facility to be constructed by Sithe/Independence Power Partners, L.P. near the town of Scriba, New York.

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") is requesting a 10-year licence to export some 283 300 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Chippawa, Ontario, will be used by NYSEG, a combined electricity and gas utility, as system supply to serve its Lockport, Geneva and Auburn service areas in the state of New York.



UniGas Corporation requested, in a joint application with The City of Burbank, The City of Glendale and The City of Pasadena of California, three six-year licences to export some 367 300 cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The gas, to be exported at Kingsgate, British Columbia, will be used by the three cities to generate electricity.

Unigas Corporation, in an another application, requested a six-year licence to export some 396 600 cubic metres (14 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day to the Northwest Natural Gas Company. The gas, to be exported at Kingsgate, British Columbia, will be used by Northwest Natural, a local distribution company, to serve its customers in the states of Oregon and Washington.

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NOTE: See the attached backgrounder for more information and a list of contacts for each company. The Board will also make available a summary of the contracts upon request.

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Applied-for Volumes and Duration

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Cdn. Hydrocarbons/ Cascade Natural	136.4 (4.8)	49.8 (1.8)	199.3 (7)	01/11/92 to 31/10/96
CanWest/ TM Star	273.2 (9.6)	100 (3.5)	1 495 (53)	Date of start-up and continuing for 15 years
CanStates/ Rotterdam	1 261.4 (44.5)	460.4 (16.25)	6 906 (243.8)	01/10/95 30/09/10
Enron/ Enron Power	805 (28.4)	294 (10.4)	2 940 (104)	First Deliveries and continuing until 2004
NYSEG/ NYSEG	283.3 (10)	103.5 (3.7)	1 035 (37)	First Deliveries and continuing for 10 years
Unigas/ City of Burbank	136.5 (4.8)	49.8 (1.8)	298.9 (10.5)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 for six years
Unigas/ City of Glendale	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	252.7 (8.9)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/10/93 for six years
Unigas/ City of Pasadena	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	252.7 (8.9)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 for six years
Unigas/ Northwest Natural	396.6 (14)	144.8 (5.1)	868.6 (30.7)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 for six years

Measurements:

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NEB TO HOLD AN INQUIRY CONCERNING PIPELINE STRESS CORROSION CRACKING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold an inquiry concerning the Transportation Safety Board's (TSB) recent recommendations dealing with the problem of external stress corrosion cracking (SCC) in pipeline transportation systems.

The inquiry is being held to reassess TransCanada PipeLines' (TCPL) Pipeline Maintenance Program ("PMP") and in response to recommendations issued by the TSB regarding two pipeline breaks on the TCPL's natural gas transportation system, both of which occurred in Ontario. There were no injuries or fatalities in either incident.

As a result of three earlier pipeline breaks which occurred in 1985 and 1986, TCPL implemented a Pipeline Maintenance Program to investigate and study possible solutions to the SCC problem. Since 1985, the NEB has been actively involved in monitoring and inspecting TCPL's progress and has approved the expenditures related to the Pipeline Maintenance Program.

After implementation of the PMP, no pipeline break attributable to SCC (with the exception of a leak near Brandon, Manitoba) occurred until December 1991. At that time there was a break on the line near Cardinal, Ontario. The second break occurred on the line near Tunis, Ontario. Both of these breaks occurred in remote areas and no injuries resulted. None of the breaks associated with SCC have occurred in heavier wall pipe, which is required by NEB regulation for populated areas. The breaks near Cardinal and Tunis were investigated by the Transportation Safety Board which issued recommendations to the National Energy Board on 5 November 1992.

Stress corrosion cracking involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years.

Since the mid 1960s, stress corrosion cracking has been the focus of intensive research in several countries to determine the key factors which cause it. Some of the factors identified to date include the operating pressures and temperatures of the pipeline, the pipe material and the presence of a corrosive environment on the outside surface of the pipe.

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The NEB decided that an inquiry with input from parties concerned about SCC would be an effective means of responding to the TSB's recommendations and of reassessing TransCanada's PMP. Anyone wishing to file comments is invited to register as an interested party with the Secretary of the Board and request a copy of the procedures for the inquiry. Requests should be addressed to:

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Anyone wishing to participate as an interested party is asked to register with the Secretary by 11 January 1993.

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NEB'S INCENTIVE TOLL REGULATION WORKSHOP BEGINS JANUARY 19

CALGARY - Existing approaches and new pipeline tolling formulas that could encourage more efficient pipeline operations will be discussed by the energy industry at a workshop to be held by the National Energy Board in Calgary January 19 to 21, 1993.

Some 30 written submissions and responses have been filed with the NEB by interested parties in preparation for the workshop, to be held at the Ramada Hotel, 708 Eighth Ave. S.W. The list of interested parties includes pipeline companies, associations representing shippers and buyers and provincial governments.

The objective of the workshop is to examine, in a non-legal setting, both the existing tolling methodology as well as alternatives which might promote increased efficiency in pipeline company operations. No decision will flow from the workshop process. The proceedings of the workshop, consisting of a summary of the discussions, will be published as soon as possible following its conclusion.

"The concepts discussed and developed at the workshop could be used in subsequent toll hearings, where they could be combined and tailored to the circumstances of an applicant's pipeline," the Board said in a letter to participants.

A background paper, entitled Alternatives to Traditional Cost of Service Regulation, was released by the Board to initiate public consultation with industry participants. The background paper, together with written submissions and responses, is available for viewing at the NEB library in Calgary and at the main library of the department of Energy, Mines and Resources in Ottawa.

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NEB ANNOUNCES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS QUÉBEC AND MARITIMES PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced new tolls Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1993 and 1 January 1994.

The company requested a decrease in its rate of return on equity from the approved 1992 level of 13.75 to 13.125 percent and 13.25 percent for 1993 and 1994, respectively. The Board found a rate of 12.25 percent to be appropriate for both years. The Board's adjustments to the revenue requirements reduced TQM's requested monthly tolls by \$114,000 for 1993 to \$6.058 million, and by \$132,000 to \$5.926 million for 1994. The approved monthly toll for 1992 had been \$6.379 million.

The Board held an oral hearing in Montreal during December 1992 on rate of return issues and dealt with all other issues by written submission.

TQM's pipeline system runs from a point just west of Montreal to Québec City. TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited and NOVA Corporation, both of Calgary.

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NEB ISSUES ELECTRICITY EXPORT PERMITS TO B.C. HYDRO AND POWEREX

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued four permits to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (B.C. Hydro) and the British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation (POWEREX) for the export of short term firm and interruptible energy to the Bonneville Power Administration and to other potential customers who are members of the Western Systems Coordinating Council and the Northwest Power Pool. The permits, effective from January 1, 1993 to September 30, 1997, replace three licences expiring on December 31, 1992.

Following review of submissions from intervenors including utilities, interest groups and private citizens, the Board decided to issue the permits requested and not to recommend that the Governor in Council designate the application for licensing.

Permit EPE-41 allows exports of 20 000 gigawatt hours (GW.h) of interruptible energy, under the Power Exchange Operation, in any consecutive twelve-month period, less actual exports under the three other permits.

Permit EPE-42 allows exports of short term firm power and energy, under the Power Exchange Operation, not to exceed 2 300 megawatts (MW) and 6 000 GW.h during any consecutive twelve-month period, less actual exports under Permit EPE-44.

Permit EPE-43 allows the export of interruptible energy not to exceed 20 000 GW.h, outside the Power Exchange Operation, in any consecutive twelve-month period less actual exports under the three other permits.

Permit EPE-44 allows exports of short term firm power and energy not to exceed 2 300 MW and 6 000 GW.h outside the Power Exchange Operation, in any consecutive twelve-month period, less actual exports under Permit EPE-42.

The exports under these permits are for the sale, equichange, storage, circulating power flow, adjustment and carrier transfer of interruptible energy and for the sale, storage and equichange transfer of blocks of short term firm power and energy.

The Board has conditioned the permits to provide Canadians fair market access to the proposed exports, and has also conditioned the permits to require B.C. Hydro and POWEREX to provide information on exports to ensure fair market access compliance.



The Board decided to grant the requested term of the permits, but, except for storage transfers, limited the maximum duration of any single contract for the export of electricity under permits EPE-41, EPE-42 and EPE-43 to one year, and any single contract under permit EPE-44 to two years.

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NEB RECEIVES TOLL INCREASE APPLICATION FROM TRANS-NORTHERN PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. of Toronto for a 5.9 per cent toll increase for 1993 based on a rate of return on equity (ROE) of 12.5 per cent instead of its currently approved ROE of 13.75 per cent. The company also requested that its existing tolls be made interim, effective 1 January 1993.

The company says in its application that the increase is necessary due to declining volumes forecast for 1993 and to recover changes forecast in its cost of service, including those resulting from adjustments to its rate base.

Trans-Northern also said in a letter to the Board that it is consulting with interested parties regarding the application.

The Board has decided to grant the company's interim tolls request and hold the application abeyance until results of the discussions with interested parties are known.

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NEB RECEIVES AMENDED TOLL INCREASE REQUEST FROM TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an amended application from Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) for a toll increase of 7.5 per cent on its oil pipeline transmission facility for 1993.

On 16 September 1992, the Board received TMPL's initial application seeking approval of new tolls which would take effect 1 January 1993. In its application, the company advised the Board of its intention to amend its application in November 1992 to reflect a planned project to transport refined products to Burnaby, British Columbia. TMPL recognized that the Board will not be in a position to render its decision on the amended application before the year end and requested the Board approve applied-for tolls on an interim basis. As the planned project is expected to have a significant impact on the company's rate base, the Board directed TMPL to file an amended application and revised schedule as soon as possible. The amended application reflecting the refined products project was filed on 1 December 1992.

The Board issued an order granting the interim tolls for 1993 as requested by TMPL. The Board has also issued a revised schedule for processing the application and given notification that income tax methodology and throughput forecasting methodology will be issues to be examined in the context of the application.

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NEB ISSUES SEVEN LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued seven licences for the export of some 9.1 million cubic metres (322.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day over periods ranging from 4 to 17 years. The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 33.2 billion cubic metres (1.2 trillion cubic feet).

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 25 and 26 August 1992 in Calgary, Alberta.

The Board issued licences to:

Talisman Energy Inc., formerly **BP Resources Canada Limited**, to export at Huntingdon, British Columbia some 504 140 cubic metres (17.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 17 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed near Ferndale, Washington.

Saranac Power Partners, L.P. and **Shell Canada Limited** to export at Napierville, Quebec some 1 445 000 cubic metres (51 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed near Plattsburg, New York.

Kamine Beaver Falls Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P.** to export at Iroquois, Ontario some 456 100 cubic metres (16.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed at Beaver Falls, Lewis County, New York.

Kamine Syracuse Cogen Co., Inc., as managing general partner of **Kamine/Besicorp Syracuse L.P.** to export at Chippawa, Ontario some 461 700 cubic metres (16.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed at the village of Solway, Onandaga County, New York.

Western Gas Marketing Limited licence to export at Niagara Falls, Ontario 509 900 cubic metres (18 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15 years. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed at Rensselaer, New York.

Western Gas Marketing Limited to export at Emerson, Manitoba some 906 500 cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for approximately four years. The



gas will be sold to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company for use as system supply for its customers in the State of Michigan.

Western Gas Marketing Limited to export at Emerson, Manitoba some 4 853 000 cubic metres (171.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for approximately eight years. The gas will be sold to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America for use as system supply.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more information.

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Approved Volumes

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)
Talisman (BP Resources)/ Tenaska Gas Co.	504.14 (17.8)	184 (6.5)	3 128 (110.4)
Saranac, Shell/ Saranac	1 455 (51)	529 (18.7)	7 125 (251.5)
Kamine Beaver Falls/ Kamine	456.1 (16.1)	167.1 (5.9)	2 494.9 (88.1)
Kamine Syracuse/ Kamine	461.7 (16.3)	168.5 (5.9)	2 506.8 (88.5)
WGML/ Hadson	509.9 (18)	186.6 (6.6)	2 800.0 (98.8)
WGML/ MichCon	906.5 (32)	331.8 (11.7)	1 272.0 (44.9)
WGML/ NGPL	4 853 (171.3)	1 776 (62.7)	13 892 (490.4)

Measures:

10^3m^3 :	Thousand cubic metres
10^6m^3 :	Million cubic metres
MMcf:	Million cubic feet
Bcf:	Billion cubic feet

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**NEB RECEIVES 1993 FACILITIES EXPANSION APPLICATION FROM
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES**

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary for permission to construct \$808.3 million worth of new pipeline facilities during 1993 and 1994. The construction is planned for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

The facilities applied for include adding 372.7 kilometres of pipeline, 10 new compressor units providing 204 megawatts of additional compression, three aftercoolers and an upgrade to one compressor unit. The facilities applied for will be used to provide a total of 4.8 million cubic metres (170 million cubic feet) of long haul firm service natural gas deliveries of which 3.7 million cubic metres (132 million cubic feet) (77 per cent) would be for customers in Canada and the remaining one million cubic metres (38 million cubic feet) (23 per cent) would be for export. The application also contains facilities for 5.9 million cubic metres (208 million cubic feet) of short haul firm service in Southwestern Ontario.

In a letter to the Board, TCPL said that a decision by Ontario Hydro on 17 December 1992 to review several cogeneration projects may have an impact on the timing or viability of some projects included in the company's application. The company said that should it be warranted, the application would be revised to reflect the new circumstances.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

The application is available for viewing at the Board's library in Calgary, main floor, 311, 6th Avenue S.W., and at the library of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada in Ottawa.

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NEB REVISES ITS RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Calgary - The National Energy Board is revising its Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"). These Rules set out the procedures for making applications, representations and complaints to the Board, the conduct of hearings before the Board and, generally, the manner of conducting any business before the Board. The schedules which form part of the Rules provide samples of forms.

On 7 May 1987, the Board issued Draft Rules after consulting with industry. It was the Board's intention to finalize the 1987 draft and publish them in the *Canada Gazette*. However, these final steps were not taken.

The Board has made further amendments to the 1987 Draft Rules, in light of amendments to the *National Energy Board Act* and changes in export regulation, and intends, after industry and the public have been consulted on these amendments, to have the rules examined by the Department of Justice and published in the *Canada Gazette* in order to have them promulgated.

Parties wishing to comment on the proposed changes have been requested to file their submission by 19 February 1993.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached letter for a summary of the amendments proposed to the Rules.

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File: 134-A000-2

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TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Re: REVISED NEB RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

On 7 May 1987 the Board issued Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure after consulting with industry. It was the Board's intention to finalize the 1987 draft and publish them in the *Canada Gazette*. However, these final steps were not taken.

The Board has made further revisions to the 1987 draft and intends, after industry and the public has been consulted on these amendments, to have the rules examined by the Department of Justice and published in the *Canada Gazette*.

The Board therefore invites comments on the attached revision of the *NEB Rules of Practice and Procedure*. Substantive changes to the 1987 draft are outlined below.

Section 12 has been amended to specify that the Board may stay an application, whether or not it has been set down for hearing, in the event that an applicant does not provide the information required in the rules or requested by the Board. This section also now states that an application that has been stayed for five years shall be deemed to be withdrawn and shall be returned to the applicant.

Section 16 has been amended to require a party referring to a document in any pleading to file it and serve a copy on all parties to the proceeding. It is no longer the responsibility of the party requesting the copy to pay for reproduction.

The provisions relating to subpoenas (section 20) now require a subpoena to be served personally on the person to whom it is directed at least 48 hours before the date the person is to attend as a witness.

Information requests may now only be served on any party to a proceeding who has filed evidence, unless leave of the Board is granted to serve them on any other party to the proceeding. The party who has not filed evidence, but to whom the information requests are intended to be addressed, shall be given an opportunity to comment (section 34). If the Board grants this leave, subsection 36(6) deems that the written evidence of the party to whom the information requests were addressed shall include the party's intervention and the response to the information request.

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An opening statement of a witness is required by section 37 to be filed and served on all parties at least one clear business day prior to the presentation of the evidence of the witness.

The review and rehearing procedures in Part V of the rules have been amended to make the process a one-step procedure, whereby an applicant will be required to file, not only the grounds it considers sufficient to raise a doubt as to the correctness of the decision, but also indicate prejudice or hardship that will result or has been done, and the nature of the relief applied for. An application for review or rehearing will now be required to be filed within 30 days after the release of the decision or order sought to be reviewed or reheard unless leave from the Board is granted.


The Board will have several options available to it upon receiving an application for review, including dismissing the application if it is of the view that a *prima facie* case as to the correctness of the decision has not been made or issuing directions on procedure inviting comments. Section 45 indicates what those directions shall include. If a stay is applied for, the Board may make the order, dismiss the application or issue directions on procedure which shall contain the provisions in subsection 46(6).

Subsection 50(4) has been amended so that a notice for plans, profiles and books of reference need not show the size of the area covered and the population density.

The schedules attached to the rules have been amended as well. The forms in Schedule I relating to hearing orders and notices of public hearing have been amended to reflect current practice. Schedule II has been removed from the rules. The Board proposes to amend the filing requirements in that schedule and issue them as guidelines. This will allow greater flexibility to the Board to reflect policy and other changes in these requirements.

Parties wishing to comment on the proposed changes are requested to file 35 copies of their submission by 19 February 1993.

Copies of the revised rules (in both English and French) may be obtained by telephoning the Board's Regulatory Support Office at (403) 292-4800. For further information about the rules or the procedure for this review, contact Margery Fowke, Legal Counsel, at (403) 299-2708.

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J. S. Richardson
Secretary

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NEB DISMISSES ALTAMONT CANADA APPLICATION ON JURISDICTIONAL GROUNDS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has dismissed, on jurisdictional grounds, an application dated July 1991 by Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited for authorization to construct a 300 metre (980 foot) long international gas transmission pipeline in southern Alberta.

The proposed 762 millimetre (30 inch) diameter Altamont Canada pipeline is one link in a proposed pipeline system intended to export Canadian gas to markets in the United States, principally in southern California. The capacity of the system would be 20.8 million cubic metres (736 million cubic feet) per day commencing 1 November 1994.

The proposed Altamont Canada pipeline would connect upstream with a proposed 217 kilometre (135 mile) long pipeline to be owned and operated by NOVA Corporation of Alberta from the area of Princess, Alberta. Downstream at the Alberta/Montana border near Wild Horse, the proposed Altamont Canada pipeline would connect with a 998 kilometre (620 mile) long pipeline proposed by Altamont Gas Transmission Company. The Altamont Gas Transmission Company pipeline would connect further downstream at Opal, Wyoming with the existing pipeline of Kern River Transmission Company leading into California.

Following its initial review of the Altamont Canada application, the Board decided to raise a preliminary question of jurisdiction for consideration through a written hearing. The question posed by the Board in the associated Hearing Order was as follows:

"Is the proposed pipeline of the Applicant part of a larger extraprovincial work to be constructed from a point near Princess, Alberta to a point of interconnection in the United States, the entire Canadian portion of which is subject to the jurisdiction of Parliament pursuant to section 92(10)(a) of the *Constitution Act 1867*, having regard to the following factors:

- (a) the physical connections between the pipelines of NOVA Corporation of Alberta, Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited, and Altamont Gas Transmission Company;
- (b) the operation of the NOVA Corporation of Alberta and Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited pipelines as a



pipeline wholly or substantially dedicated to the export of a commodity from Canada; and

- (c) the purposes to be served by the construction of the pipelines of NOVA Corporation of Alberta and Altamont Gas Transmission Canada Limited."

At the completion of the hearing, which attracted written submissions from nine interested parties, the Board concluded that the 300 metre pipeline applied for by Altamont Canada is part of a larger extraprovincial work connecting the province of Alberta to the United States. This determination was made on the basis that the proposed upstream NOVA pipeline between Princess and Wild Horse, Alberta is so vital, integral and essential to the Altamont Canada line as to be part of that work. Accordingly, the Board decided to dismiss Altamont Canada's application on the basis that it had been improperly filed under section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act*, because the resulting pipeline subject to federal jurisdiction would exceed the 40 kilometre limitation prescribed by that section of the *Act*. In its decision, the Board noted that authority to construct the entire federal work could be sought under the appropriate provisions of the *Act*.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

See the attached map showing the location of the applied-for facilities in relation to other selected pipelines for more information.

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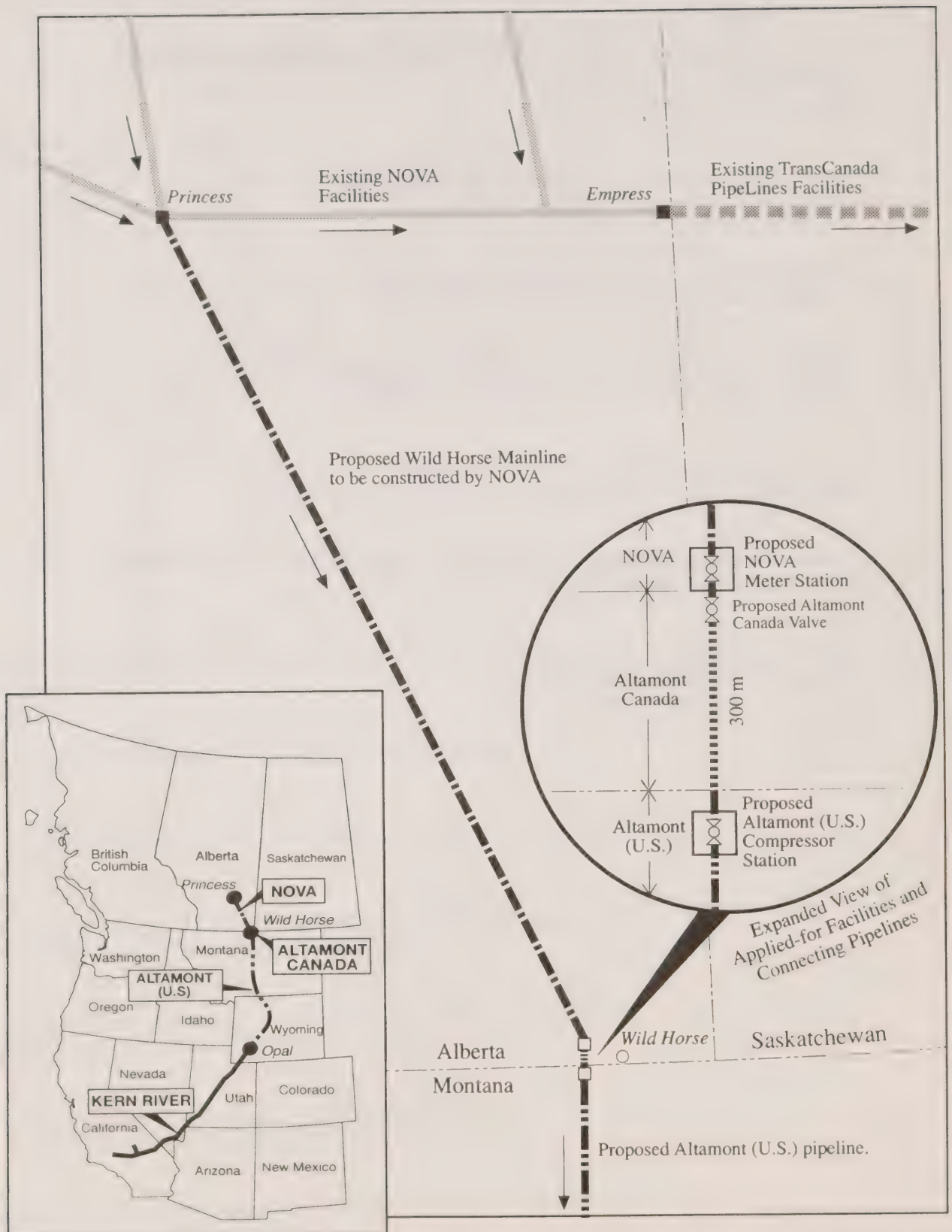
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NEB DISMISSES AN APPLICATION BY WBI CANADIAN PIPELINE ON JURISDICTIONAL GROUNDS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has dismissed, on jurisdictional grounds, an application dated October 1992 by WBI Canadian Pipeline, Ltd. ("WBI Canadian") for authorization to construct a 1.15-kilometre long international gas transmission pipeline in southern Saskatchewan.

In October 1992, WBI Canadian, a wholly owned subsidiary of Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company ("WBI Basin"), applied for approval to construct a short natural gas pipeline which would connect at North Portal, Saskatchewan to the TransGas Limited ("TransGas") 35.6 kilometre pipeline extending from Steelman to North Portal, Saskatchewan. In the United States, the WBI Canadian pipeline would connect to the 15.2 kilometre Williston Basin pipeline. WBI Canadian proposed to use the pipeline for southbound deliveries of Alberta and Saskatchewan sourced gas into the North Dakota market only. The pipeline is designed to permit an initial firm capacity of approximately 281 000 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) per day, and the direction of flow could be reversed.

The Board has concluded that the 1.15-kilometre long pipeline applied for by WBI Canadian is part of a larger extraprovincial work connecting the province of Saskatchewan to the United States. The Board found that the new TransGas line from Steelman to North Portal, Saskatchewan is integral and essential to the proposed WBI Canadian line and that, when these two lines are joined and operations commence, the combined line will be operated as one overall undertaking of an international character. The Board has, therefore, determined that the combined WBI Canadian and new TransGas lines would constitute a federal work and undertaking which should fall within federal jurisdiction and be regulated by the National Energy Board.

For the reasons set out above, the Board has decided to dismiss the application on the basis that the pipeline applied for by WBI Canadian did not include the meter station and upstream facilities consisting of the Steelman to North Portal line constructed by TransGas.

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WBI Canadian Pipeline - Province of Saskatchewan

TransGas Steelman Mainline ↓

TransGas Steelman to Portal Pipeline
35.6 km, 219.1 mm O.D.

Saskatchewan

TransGas
Meter Station

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North Portal

WBI Canadian
Pipeline
1.15 km 219.1 mm O.D.

Manitoba Border
90 km

Saskatchewan

United States

Williston Basin Interstate
Pipeline to Lignite
15 km, 219.1 mm

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NEB ANNOUNCES NEW QUEUING AND ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR WESTCOAST ENERGY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced a decision establishing new queuing and access procedures on the pipeline system of Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver. The Board announced the decision in a letter to Westcoast released in advance of its Reasons for Decision on the company's 1993 tolls application.

Since the current procedures came into effect in 1990, long queues have developed of shippers waiting to get on the system. On the southern mainline, the queue is now over one and a half times the existing capacity. Shippers have expressed concern that these lengthy queues make it difficult to be certain when service would be available. Westcoast found that service requests in these long queues do not all represent legitimate service requirements and cannot be relied on for pipeline expansion planning. The new procedures are meant to correct these problems.

Under the new rules, firm contracts for natural gas shipments on the northern and southern mainline would have renewal rights if the contract term is no less than two years. The minimum contract term with no renewal rights would be one year.

The Board also ruled that a shipper must give Westcoast at least 13 months' notice in order to exercise renewal rights.

The Board has also approved new procedures for entering and staying in the queues. These procedures require shippers wanting to get service to comply with market, supply and other information requirements which become increasingly stringent as the service commencement date approaches. As well, the Board has approved assignment of queue positions when gas reserves or market assets dedicated to a queue position are sold, and also a queue entry fee. In addition, the Board requires that an expansion shipper sign a 10-year service contract and demonstrate that it has a 10-year gas supply and two-year market requirement or a 10-year market requirement and a two-year gas supply.

A public hearing was held in Vancouver and Calgary in November, 1992.



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NEB ISSUES TWELVE LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued twelve licences for the export of some 10.1 million cubic metres (355 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from 7 to 15.5 years. The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 45 billion cubic metres (1.6 trillion cubic feet)

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held from 2 to 4 November 1992 in Calgary, Alberta.

All of the exports, with the exception of **ENCO Gas, Ltd.**, will be made via Kingsgate, British Columbia.

The Board issued licences to:

ENCO Gas, Ltd. to export, at Huntingdon, British Columbia, some 601 300 cubic metres (21.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 15-years and six months. The gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration plant to be constructed near Sumas, Washington.

Poco Petroleums Ltd. to export some 445 000 cubic metres (16 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 9 years and 11 months. Poco will sell the gas to Northwest Natural Gas Company who will use the gas as system supply to serve its customers in the States of Oregon and Washington.

Summit Resources Limited to export, in the winter, some 219 000 cubic metres (8 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas and, in the summer, some 141 000 cubic metres (5 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for 7 years. Summit will sell the gas to Northwest Natural Gas Company who will use the gas as system supply to serve its customers in the States of Oregon and Washington.

Southern California Edison Company ("Edison") to export jointly with each of **AEC Oil and Gas Company, a division of Alberta Energy Company Ltd., Imperial Oil Resources Limited, Shell Canada Limited and Western Gas Marketing Limited.** All of the gas to be exported by Edison and the four co-applicants would be used by Edison to produce electricity for sale to customers in central and southern California. Each of the applicants is proposing to export some 1 455 000 cubic metre (51 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for 15 years.



San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") to export jointly with each of **Bow Valley Industries Ltd., Canadian Hunter Marketing Ltd., Husky Oil Operations Ltd. and Summit Resources Limited.** All of the gas to be exported by SDG&E and the four co-applicants will be used by SDG&E, a local distribution company, to serve its customers in the State of California and to produce electricity. The four licences issued are as follows:

Bow Valley and SDG&E to export some 140 000 cubic metres (5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 11 years.

Canadian Hunter and SDG&E to export some 558 000 cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 10 years.

Husky Oil and SDG&E to export some 610 000 cubic metres (22 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day 10 for years.

Summit and SDG&E to export some 195 100 cubic metres (7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for 8 years.

The Washington Water Power Company, by its agent Grand Valley Gas Company, to export up to some 1.6 million cubic metres (55 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas for 10 years. The gas will be used by Washington Water Power for its core market system supply.

Of the foregoing applications, the four **Edison** and the four **SDG&E** applications are for sales to the southern California market through the proposed expansion of the **Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd/Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("ANG/PGT")** systems, while the applications by **Washington Water Power, Summit and Poco** are for sales to the Pacific Northwest region, also through the **ANG/PGT** expansion. The **ENCO** application is for a sale to the Pacific Northwest region, but it does not involve the use of the **ANG/PGT** expansion. These were the first applications to be examined by the Board for licences to export natural gas on the **ANG/PGT** expansion

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Approved Volumes

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)
ENCO/ ENCO	601.3* (21.2)	219.5* (7.7)	3 258.0 (115.0)
Grand Valley for Washington Water/ Washington Water	1 563.0 * (55.4)	434.0* (15.4)	3 357.0 (119.0)
Poco/ Northwest Natural	445.1 (15.7)	138.8 (4.9)	869.5 (30.7)
SDG&E/Bow Valley SDG&E	139.5 (4.9)	50.9 (1.8)	560.0 (19.7)
SDG&E/Cdn. Hunter SDG&E	557.6 (19.7)	203.5 (7.2)	2 035.0 (72.0)
SDG&E/ Husky SDG&E	609.9 (21.7)	222.6 (7.9)	2 226.0 (79.0)
SDG&E/Summit SDG&E	195.1 (6.9)	71.2 (2.5)	570.0 (20.0)
Edison/AEC Oil Edison	1 445.0 (51.0)	529.0 (18.7)	7 913.0 (279.4)
Edison/Imperial Edison	1 445.0 (51.0)	529.0 (18.7)	7 913.0 (279.4)
Edison/Shell Edison	1 445.0 (51.0)	529.0 (18.7)	7 913.0 (279.4)
Edison/WGML Edison	1 445.0 (51.0)	529.0 (18.7)	7 913.0 (279.4)
Summit/ Northwest Natural	219.2** (7.7)	52.8 (1.9)	300.0 (10.7)

- * The maximum daily and annual volumes vary throughout the licence term. The numbers shown are the maxima requested during the term.
- ** The maximum daily volume varies between the winter and summers seasons. The number shown is the greater of the two, the winter volume.

Measures:

10^3m^3 :	Thousand cubic metres
10^6m^3 :	Million cubic metres
MMcf:	Million cubic feet
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NEB RELEASES SUMMARY ON INCENTIVE REGULATION WORKSHOP

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board today released a summary of three days of public consultations it held in January on incentive regulation. The process was initiated to seek industry views on the possible and practical alternatives to the traditional cost of service method of regulating pipelines under the Board's jurisdiction.

On 22 June 1992, the Board released a background paper and a list of questions to initiate the consultation process and it requested submission of papers. The Board indicated it would hold a technical workshop that would provide an opportunity for discussion of the ideas and issues in a non-legal setting. The workshop was held in Calgary January 19 to 21, 1993. It was attended by over 150 individuals representing all parts of the energy industry.

The consultative process provided parties with an opportunity to advance substantive changes to the current approach to the setting of just and reasonable tolls. The Board noted that no party has proposed a significant departure from the traditional cost of service approach to the setting of tolls. Nevertheless, the Board remains interested in considering changes aimed at improving the regulatory process and at adjusting the regulatory regime to ongoing changes in market conditions.

A number of the proposals made are now being examined by the Board. Those proposals which it wishes to examine further will be the subject of discussion papers to be issued to industry in the spring and summer of 1993. The Board will consult prior to acting on any possible initiatives.

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NEB SETS 1993 TOLLS FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a decision setting new tolls to be charged by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary for transportation of natural gas to Canadian and United States markets, effective 1 April 1993.

In its decision, the Board approved a 1993 revenue requirement, net of miscellaneous revenue, of \$1.6 billion, or \$35.9 million less than the revenue requirement applied for by TransCanada. The main factors contributing to the reduction are: a lower approved rate of return on common equity; a lower unfunded debt rate; lower associated income taxes; a lower allowed inflation factor; the disallowance of 50 per cent of the cost of the non-contributory employee savings plan; and a reduction of the salary expense allowance to two per cent from the applied-for rate of 2.7 per cent.

The Board also approved a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent. TransCanada had applied for 13.25 per cent.

The decision results in a firm service toll to the Eastern Zone of the TransCanada system which is 0.2 per cent higher than the toll in 1992, but 2.2 per cent lower than the toll the company had applied for.

A public hearing, which lasted 24 days, was held during October and November 1992, in Calgary.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST ENERGY EXPANSION PLANS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver for expansion of the company's Pine River Gas Plant and Grizzly Pipeline System expansion projects. The projects are located near Chetwynd, British Columbia.

The hearing will be held in Fort St. John, British Columbia, beginning Wednesday, 5 May 1993, in the Pioneer Inn, 9830-100th Avenue.

Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by 23 March 1993.

The proposed Pine River Gas Plant expansion, estimated to cost \$232 million, would increase the raw gas processing capability of the plant from 7.4 million cubic metres per day (260 million cubic feet) to 16 million cubic metres (560 million cubic feet) per day, beginning 1 November 1994. The companion expansion of the upstream Grizzly Pipeline System, estimated to cost \$67.6 million, would involve the installation of about 74.7 kilometres (46 miles) of line pipe ranging in diameter from 273.1 millimetres (10 inches) to 610 millimetres (24 inches).

The Board has also decided to consider separately the Westcoast application dealing with the Southern Mainline Looping and Station 4B Compressor by soliciting written comments from interested parties by 24 March 1993.

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NEW BRUNSWICK POWER APPLIES TO NEB FOR A PERMIT TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY TO THE STATE OF MAINE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board is considering an application by New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) for a permit to export electricity to Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Incorporated for a period of ten years beginning April 1, 1993.

The application, dated February 10, 1993, is for the export of up to 20 megawatts (MW) of power and 175.2 gigawatt hours (GW.h) of firm energy in any one year during the term of the permit. The new permit would replace an existing export order which allows exports of up to 23 MW per year.

The Board has invited interested parties to make their views known on the application before deciding whether to issue the requested permit or to recommend to the Governor in Council that a public hearing be held.

Interested parties have until April 30, 1993 to file their written submissions. The application is available for viewing at the offices of NB Power in Fredericton, N.B. and at the library of the National Energy Board in Calgary, Alberta.

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NEB ISSUES ELECTRICITY EXPORT PERMITS TO MANITOBA HYDRO

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued two permits to Manitoba Hydro for the export of electricity to utilities in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Michigan. Both permits replace existing licences which expire April 30, 1993.

Although Manitoba Hydro requested that the export permits have terms of 30 years, the Board limited the terms to 12 years and six months, beginning on May 1, 1993. In the Board's view, the shorter term was appropriate for short-term firm power and energy and interruptible energy exports, the type of exports contemplated by Manitoba Hydro. In addition, to ensure that only short-term transactions would be carried out under the permits, the Board limited the maximum duration of any single contract for the export of electricity under the permits to three years.

Permit EPE-45 allows the export of up to 1900 megawatts (MW) of short-term power and up to 16 650 gigawatt hours (GW.h) of energy in any consecutive 12-month period, less any energy exported under Manitoba Hydro's other export permits and licences in the same interval.

Permit EPE-46 allows the export of up to 16 650 GW.h of interruptible energy in any consecutive 12-month period, less any energy exported under Manitoba Hydro's other export permits and licences in the same interval.

The Board conditioned the permits to require Manitoba Hydro to provide fair market access for Canadians to proposed exports and also to provide interested parties with information on its exports. Fair market access is meant to afford Canadian purchasers who have demonstrated an intention to buy electricity for consumption in Canada an opportunity to purchase electricity on terms and conditions, including price, as favourable as those offered to an export customer.

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NEB UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in June 1993. During the past year, the Board has held gas export hearings on a regular basis. In continuing this practice, the Board has decided to call for export applications and to set a hearing date of 28 June 1993.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 19 April 1993 in order to be included in the June proceeding. Following the 19 April 1993 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary for the construction of new natural gas transportation facilities during 1994 and 1995. The construction is planned for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

The hearing will be held in Toronto, Ontario, beginning 21 June 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at the Westbury Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 475 Yonge Street.

Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by 5 May 1993.

TransCanada originally submitted its application 18 December 1992 and amended it on 23 March 1993.

The company is requesting permission to construct \$637.3 million worth of new facilities, including 290.3 kilometres of new pipeline, 178 megawatts of additional compression, two aftercoolers and the upgrade of one compressor unit. The facilities applied for will be used to provide new services totalling 4.7 million cubic metres (165 million cubic feet) of long haul firm service natural gas deliveries and six million cubic metres (211 million cubic feet) of short haul firm service. The new services are to transport gas for both domestic and export markets.

In addition, TransCanada has applied for changes to its tariff respecting the minimum notice periods for the renewal of transportation contracts and has requested the approval of certain toll discounts for long-term contracts and toll premiums for short-term contracts.

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TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB RELEASES 1992 ANNUAL REPORT

CALGARY -- The Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, has tabled in Parliament today the 1992 Annual Report of the National Energy Board.

The Report reviews the Board's regulatory and advisory activities during 1992, including decisions taken on natural gas, oil and electricity exports and pipeline construction, tolls and tariffs. It also contains information on other Board activities such as incentive rate regulation and an inquiry into pipeline stress corrosion cracking.

Copies of the 1992 Annual Report are available in both official languages from the National Energy Board in Calgary and at other distribution points listed below.

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NEB SCHEDULES A HEARING ON TWO APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND TO AMEND AN EXISTING LICENCE

CALGARY- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing applications from CanWest Gas Supply Inc. and ProGas Limited for licences to export natural gas.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 28 June 1993 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

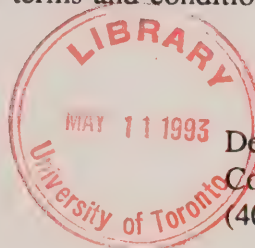
CanWest has applied for a 20-year licence to export some 300 520 cubic metres (10.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas would be sold to Klickitat Energy Company and used to fuel a 49.5 megawatt natural gas and wood waste fired combined cycle cogeneration project at Bingen, Washington.

ProGas has applied for a 10-year licence to export some 2 124 600 cubic metres (75 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The gas would be sold to Consumers Power Company, a local distribution company, to serve its franchise area in the lower peninsula of Michigan. The application also requested an amendment to an existing licence by reducing the authorized volumes of this licence by the volumes applied for.

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NOTE: See the attached backgrounder for additional information and a list identifying the contact person for each applicant. The Board will also provide, upon request (telephone 403-292-4800), summaries of the contractual terms and conditions of each export sales arrangement.

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Applied-for Volumes

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)
CanWest/ Klickitat	300.5 (10.6)	109.7 (3.9)	2 194.0 (77.4)
ProGas/ Consumers Power	2 124.6 (75.0)	775.5 (27.4)	7 755.0 (273.8)

ProGas Requested Reduction in the Authorized Volumes of an Existing Licence

From:	9 440.9 (333.3)	3 100.0 (109.4)	42 225.0 (1 490.5)
To:	7 316.3 (258.3)	2 325.0 (82.1)	36 796.5 (1 298.9)

Units:

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, acting in response to industry requests, has decided to hold a public hearing to consider issues relating to the tolls and tariffs of Foothills Pipe Lines Limited of Calgary.

The Board received requests from both the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers ("CAPP") and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission ("APMC") to hold a public hearing on Foothills' tolls. CAPP and APMC maintain that the currently allowed rate of return on common equity of 12.5 per cent is excessive. The Board has not held a full public hearing on Foothills' toll and tariff matters since 1984.

The Board made the company's tolls interim on 25 March in response to complaints from CAPP and APMC. CAPP and APMC have identified several issues they requested be addressed at the toll hearing, including rate of return on common equity, common equity ratio and a drawdown of deferred income taxes.

Parties wishing to intervene in the hearing are required to register with the Board's Secretary by 8 June.

The public hearing will begin on 23 August in the Board's hearing room, 3rd floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

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NEB Receives Request for Review of TransCanada PipeLines Toll Decision

Calgary -- The National Energy Board has received a request from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers ("CAPP") to review the Board's decision on the 1993 tolls of TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

The Board issued a decision on 17 March setting new tolls to be charged by TransCanada for transportation of natural gas to Canadian and United States markets, effective 1 April 1993. As part of that decision it approved a rate of return on TransCanada's common equity of 12.25 per cent. The company had requested 13.25 per cent.

The CAPP application for review is restricted to those aspects of the (RH-2-92) decision that relate to the cost of capital of TransCanada, and specifically to the deemed common equity ratio and the rate of return on common equity. The application also seeks a variance of the Board's Order (TG-1-93) by which the decision was implemented.

The Board will announce in the near future how it will deal with the request.

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NEB COMMENCES PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON GENERIC RATE OF RETURN ON EQUITY PROPOSAL

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, as part of its incentive regulation initiative, is seeking industry's views on streamlining the process for determining the return on equity of pipelines under its jurisdiction.

A three-day workshop was held in January to seek industry views on practical alternatives to the traditional cost of service method of regulating pipeline tolls. A number of proposals discussed at the workshop are now being examined for further consultation with the industry. The Board is of the view that the return on equity determination process could be streamlined and has issued a discussion paper outlining a possible approach to a generic determination of rate of return on equity.

The Board is asking for comments on the discussion paper by 11 June. It is the Board's intention to announce the process it will adopt for determining a generic return on equity, if any, by the end of July 1993, and to be in a position to hold a generic return on equity hearing in the early fall of this year.

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NEB APPROVES WESTCOAST'S SOUTHERN MAINLINE LOOPING AND COMPRESSOR CONSTRUCTION

Calgary - The National Energy Board announced today that it has approved Westcoast's application to loop its Southern Mainline and to install an additional compressor unit.

The Board approved the installation of three 914 millimetre loops totalling 22.65 kilometres on Westcoast's Southern Mainline and the installation of an additional compressor unit at Compressor Station 4B. These facility additions will increase the capacity of the Southern Mainline by 5 276 000 cubic metres (151 million cubic feet) per day to 52.6 million cubic metres (1 857 million cubic feet) per day. The total estimated cost for the looping, to be constructed in 1993, is \$34.1 million. The total estimated cost of the compressor unit and associated facilities, to be constructed in 1994, is \$36.5 million.

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NEB APPROVES NEW BRUNSWICK POWER APPLICATION TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY TO EASTERN MAINE ELECTRIC

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has granted a permit to New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) for the export of electricity to Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Incorporated for a period of ten years beginning May 27, 1993.

The permit allows the export of up to 20 megawatts (MW) of power and 175.2 gigawatt hours (GW.h) of firm energy annually. The new permit replaces an existing export authorization.

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NEB RELEASES SUMMARY ON EXPORT IMPACT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Calgary - The National Energy Board today released a summary of discussion of a one day workshop on the Export Impact Assessment ("EIA") it held on 1 April 1993 in Calgary. The workshop was initiated to discuss the approach taken, the main assumptions and issues that arise in the EIA analysis.

In September 1992, the Board prepared and distributed for comment and for discussion at the workshop a second EIA, to take into account the long-term gas market outlook in the Board's report entitled *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand 1990-2010*, dated June 1991, and to take into account the submissions and comments received on the first EIA prepared by the Board. The Board received nine written submissions representing twelve interested parties. The workshop was attended by approximately 40 individuals from industry and governments.

The EIA is one element of the public hearing component of the Market-Based Procedure, the method by which the Board assesses applications for long-term natural gas export licences. The intent of the EIA is to allow the Board to determine whether a proposed export is likely to cause Canadians difficulty in meeting their energy requirements at fair market prices.

No decisions will be taken by the Board directly as a result of the workshop. However, the discussion indicated that a number of the aspects of the analysis and process should be re-examined. Before making substantial changes in the EIA, the Board will consult with interested parties.

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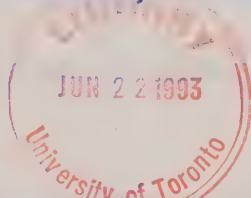
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NEB ISSUES FIVE LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued five licences to five companies for the export of some 1.9 million cubic metres (67 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from 3.6 to 15 years. The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 6.5 billion cubic metres (232 billion cubic feet).

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 22 and 23 February 1993 in Calgary, Alberta.

At the hearing, the Board also considered three applications from **Unigas Corporation** filed jointly with **The City of Burbank**, **The City of Glendale** and **The City of Pasadena** of California, requesting three licences to export some 367 300 cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia for six years. The gas would be used by the three cities to generate electricity. The Board will issue its Reasons for Decision on those applications at a later date.

The Board issued licences to:

Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc. to export some 136 400 cubic metres (4.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia for 3.6 years. The gas will be sold to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation as system supply to serve its customers in the states of Washington and Oregon;

CanWest Gas Supply Inc. to export some 273 200 cubic metres (9.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia for 15 years. The gas will be sold to TM Star Fuel Company and will be used to fuel a proposed cogeneration facility near Anacortes in Skagit County, Washington;

Enron Gas Marketing, Inc. to export some 805 000 cubic metres (28.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Chippawa, Ontario for 12 years. The gas will be used to fuel a proposed cogeneration facility to be constructed by Sithe/Independence Power Partners, L.P. near the town of Scriba, New York;

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") to export some 283 300 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Chippawa, Ontario for 10 years. The gas will be used by NYSEG, a combined electricity and gas utility, as system supply to serve its Lockport, Geneva and Auburn service areas in the state of New York; and

Unigas Corporation to export some 396 600 cubic metres (14 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia for six years. The gas will be used by



Northwest Natural Gas Company, a local distribution company, to serve its customers in the states of Oregon and Washington.

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NOTE: See the attached backgrounder for more information.

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Applied-for Volumes and Duration

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Duration
Cdn. Hydrocarbons/ Cascade Natural	136.4 (4.8)	49.8 (1.8)	174.6 (6.1)	GinC * approval to 31/10/96
CanWest/ TM Star	273.2 (9.6)	100.0 (3.5)	1 495.0 (53.0)	Date of start-up and continuing for 15 years
Enron/ Sithe Independence	805.0 (28.4)	294.0 (10.4)	2 940.0 (104)	First Deliveries until 31/10/04
NYSEG/ NYSEG	283.3 (10.0)	103.5 (3.7)	1 035.0 (37)	First Deliveries and continuing for 10 years
Unigas/ Northwest Natural	396.6 (14.0)	144.8 (5.1)	868.6 (30.7)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 for six years

The applications for which the Board will issue its Reasons for Decision at a later date.

Unigas/ City of Burbank	136.5 (4.8)	49.8 (1.8)	298.9 (10.5)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 to 31/10/99
Unigas/ City of Glendale	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	252.7 (8.9)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 to 31/10/99
Unigas/ City of Pasadena	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	252.7 (8.9)	Later of the date of 1st delivery and 1/11/93 to 31/10/99

* GinC: Governor in Council

Measurements:

10^3m^3 : Thousand cubic metres

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NEB TO CONDUCT REVIEW OF WBI DECISION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will conduct a review of its decision concerning WBI Canadian Pipeline Ltd (WBI), a subsidiary of the Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company of Bismarck, North Dakota. The review was requested by TransGas Limited (TransGas) of Regina.

WBI applied to the Board on 9 October 1992 to construct a 1.15 kilometre pipeline from a new TransGas pipeline at North Portal, Saskatchewan to the international boundary where it would connect with a new 15.2 kilometre Williston Basin pipeline in the United States. On 25 February 1993 the Board issued its decision denying the application on jurisdictional grounds.

On 23 April 1993, TransGas requested a review of the Board's decision. The Board has now decided to conduct a review of the WBI decision based on grounds set out in the TransGas application.

The application for review will be heard by way of written submission. Submissions are to be filed with the Board by 6 August. Parties wishing to intervene are asked to notify the Board by 25 June.

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NEB APPROVES WESTCOAST ENERGY EXPANSION PLANS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver for expansion of the company's Pine River Gas Plant and Grizzly Pipeline System, located near Chetwynd, British Columbia.

The plant expansion project, estimated to cost \$231.5 million, will increase the raw gas processing capability of the plant from 7.4 million cubic metres per day (260 million cubic feet) to 16 million cubic metres (560 million cubic feet) per day, beginning 1 November 1994. The companion expansion of the upstream Grizzly Pipeline System, estimated to cost \$68.4 million, will involve the installation of about 74.6 kilometres (46.3 miles) of line pipe ranging in diameter from 323.9 millimetres (12.75 inches) to 610 millimetres (24 inches).

The decision follows a public hearing held in Fort St. John, British Columbia in May 1993.



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NEB DENIES APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF TRANSCANADA PIPELINES DECISION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has denied an application by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers ("CAPP") for a review of, and changes to, Board decisions regarding TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary.

On 6 May, CAPP filed an application with the Board requesting the review and changes to the Reasons for Decision (RH-2-92) regarding TransCanada's deemed common equity ratio and rate of return on common equity. In the application CAPP said "that the Board failed to provide full, fair and complete reasons that are necessary to facilitate efficient, focused and cost-effective pipeline regulation on an on-going basis in accordance with developing NEB regulatory policy". CAPP also said that "in reaching its RH-2-92 decisions on the appropriate deemed common equity ratio and rate of return on common equity for TransCanada, the Board erred in law or jurisdiction by overlooking important issues, important evidence, or the real significance of either".

In denying the application, the Board says it is of the view that its Reasons for Decision on the common equity ratio and rate of return demonstrate that it considered the evidence and issues advanced by CAPP and that it took them into consideration in making its determination on both issues. Regarding the issue of whether the Board erred in law or jurisdiction, the Board says that in its view, its reasons must make it clear that it was aware and considered all of the evidence and issues raised by the parties. However, they need not address each issue or sub-issue raised by each party to a proceeding and describe in minute detail the reasoning process the Board followed in resolving those issues or sub-issues.

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NEB RECEIVES FACILITIES EXPANSION APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL), of Edmonton, for permission to construct \$258.2 million worth of pipeline expansion facilities during 1994. The construction is planned for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The facilities applied for include construction of approximately 704 kilometres (422 miles) of 406 millimetre (16 inch) diameter pipeline in or adjacent to the existing IPL right-of-way from Edmonton to Regina, reactivation of currently idle pipeline between Regina and Cromer, Manitoba, a change in transportation service from crude oil to primarily refined products from Cromer to Gretna, Manitoba and the addition of new pumping units or modifications to existing pumping units to service the expanded system. The company also plans the addition of one 23 850 cubic metre (150 000 barrel) tank at Edmonton and another tank of the same size at Regina.

IPL says in its application that the facilities are required to meet the forecast additional throughput on its system and plans to expand the pipeline's annual capacity from Edmonton to Gretna by approximately 17 500 cubic metres (110 000 barrels) per day.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

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The application is available for viewing at the Board's library in Calgary, main floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., at the library of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada (Department of Natural Resources), 580 Booth Street, Ottawa, and at the office of IPL, 10201 Jasper Avenue in Edmonton.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR INTERCOASTAL PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from InterCoastal Pipe Line ("InterCoastal") of Edmonton, for permission to construct a new natural gas transportation system estimated to cost \$45.6 million. InterCoastal is part of a proposed larger international natural gas pipeline system known as the InterCoastal Project that would also include natural gas facilities in the United States to be constructed and operated by ANR Pipeline Company of Detroit, Michigan, and known as the ANR Segment.

The system would have the capacity to transport up to 3.8 million cubic metres (133 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas to markets in eastern Canada and the northeast United States for the period 1 November 1994 to 31 October 1996, and up to 5 million cubic metres (175 million cubic feet) per day afterwards. InterCoastal proposes to be in service by 1 November 1994.

The company is proposing converting 209.7 kilometres (130.3 miles) of existing crude oil pipeline owned by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL), of Edmonton to natural gas service. The pipeline extends from IPL's Sarnia, Ontario terminal to Millgrove Junction in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth. Intercoastal proposes to construct new facilities which include 19.7 kilometres (12.2 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe and related facilities extending from a point of connection with the ANR System at the international border under the St. Clair River to a point of connection with the existing system at IPL's Sarnia Terminal. Also included in the Sarnia area is a 1.9 kilometre (1.2 mile) 610 millimetre (24 inch) lateral extending from a point approximately 7.4 kilometres (4.6 miles) from the St. Clair interconnection to the Tecumseh Interconnection with the gas storage facilities of Tecumseh Gas Storage, a division of the Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. From Millgrove Junction, approximately 22.4 kilometres (13.9 miles) of 508 millimetre (20 inch) pipeline would be constructed to interconnect with Consumers' Gas distribution south of Oakville.

The Board will announce at a later date what procedure will be followed in considering the application.

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Copies of the application are available for viewing at the Board's library, ground floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, at Energy, Mines and Resources Canada (Department of Natural Resources), 580 Booth Street, Ottawa, and at IPL's offices, 10201 Jasper Avenue, in Edmonton.

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NEB ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING ELECTRICITY EXPORT AND POWER LINE APPLICATIONS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued a Memorandum of Guidance outlining changes in its procedures for processing applications to export electricity and construct and operate international power lines. The changes simplify the application review procedures, enable exporters to respond more quickly to market opportunities and allow interested parties to comment on applications earlier in the process.

The new procedures require applicants to publish a standard notice of application at the time they file an application. Currently, notices are developed on a case-by-case basis and issued only after the application is filed. The new notice will include directions on procedure requiring applicants to provide a copy of the application to any person requesting one and inviting interested parties to make submissions to the Board.

Electricity exports and international power lines are normally authorized by issuance of a permit which does not require a public hearing. However, the Board may, based on its examination of an application and any information submitted by interested parties, recommend to the Governor in Council that a proposed export of electricity or an international power line be designated for a licensing or certification process requiring a public hearing.

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NEB ISSUES THREE LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued three licences to Unigas Corporation for the export of natural gas to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena in California. The licences authorize the export of some 367 300 cubic metres (13 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for six years. The total volume authorized for export over the term of the licences is approximately 670 million cubic metres (23.7 billion cubic feet). The gas, to be exported at Kingsgate, British Columbia, will be used by the three cities to generate electricity.

The Board had some concerns regarding Unigas' estimates of productive capacity. For that reason, the Board reduced the applied-for term volumes by one-sixth.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 22 and 23 February 1993 in Calgary, Alberta. At the hearing, the Board also considered five other applications from Canadian Hydrocarbons Marketing Inc., CanWest Gas Supply Inc., Enron Gas Marketing, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and Unigas Corporation. The Board issued its Reasons for Decision on those applications in June 1993.

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Authorized Volumes and Duration

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Duration
Unigas/ City of Burbank and 1/11/93 to	136.5 (4.8)	49.8 (1.8)	249.0 (8.8)	Later of the date of 1st delivery 31/10/99
Unigas/ City of Glendale and 1/11/93 to	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	210.5 (7.4)	Later of the date of 1st delivery 31/10/99
Unigas/ City of Pasadena and 1/11/93 to	115.4 (4.1)	42.1 (1.5)	210.5 (7.4)	Later of the date of 1st delivery 31/10/99

Measurements:

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10^6m^3 : Million cubic metres

MMcf: Million cubic feet

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NEB EXTENDS ONTARIO HYDRO ELECTRICITY EXPORT PERMIT

CALGARY - The Board has extended by 12 years an existing permit which allows Ontario Hydro to export up to 15 terawatt hours (TW.h) of interruptible energy per year to utilities in the states of Vermont, New York, Michigan and Minnesota.

The permit was issued in 1991 for a period of only three years ending June 30, 1994 although Ontario Hydro had applied for a 15-year permit. The Board originally limited the permit to three years because it required more information than was available at that time on the environmental effects resulting from the production of electricity for export from future facilities.

In its decision to extend the permit, the Board stated that it was satisfied that the exports would not have any unacceptable reliability or environmental effects and that Canadians will be provided fair market access to the electricity proposed for export.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANS-MOUNTAIN PIPELINE TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided to hold a public hearing on the 1993 toll application of Trans-Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) of Vancouver. A date for the hearing will be announced shortly.

In its application, TMPL proposes to apply a previously approved general tolling methodology for its refined petroleum facilities. This proposal has been the subject of comment by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP).

The Board is of the view that it would be appropriate to consider the issues of rate of return on common equity, capital structure and cost of unfunded debt in the context of TMPL's 1993 toll application. The Board has also decided to consider toll methodology for the facilities related to the transportation of refined products from Edmonton, Alberta to Burnaby, British Columbia, as part of TMPL's toll application. The Board has also decided to consider 1994 revenue requirement and tolls in the context of the hearing.

TMPL has been operating on interim tolls approved by the Board earlier this year.

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22 July 1993

NEB RECEIVES 1994 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM WESTCOAST ENERGY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver for tolls the company may charge on its natural gas transmission service, effective 1 January 1994.

Westcoast is requesting an overall toll increase of 1.8 per cent over tolls approved for 1993.

The company, in estimating its 1994 cost of service, has utilized a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent, compared with an approved rate of return of 12.25 per cent for 1993. The capital structure utilized in the application includes a common equity component of 35 per cent which is unchanged from that approved by the Board for 1993.

Copies of the application are available for viewing at Westcoast's offices, 1333 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, and at the Board's offices in Calgary.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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29 July 1993

NEB RECEIVES 1994 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1994 for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The tolls requested by TransCanada for the Eastern Zone average 0.2 per cent less than tolls in effect during 1993.

TransCanada's application provides a 4.9 per cent increase in its revenue requirement, to \$1,608.2 million from \$1,533.9 million and a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent.

As part of its application, the company filed the report of a joint industry task force which has been working to reach agreement on various issues being applied-for.

The Board has decided to stay proceedings on the application until it completes an audit at TransCanada. The Board will announce at a later date the procedure to be followed in hearing the application.

TransCanada operates a large diameter natural gas transmission pipeline extending from Alberta to Quebec.

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NEB ANNOUNCES DATE FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE TOLLS HEARING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing beginning Monday, 29 November 1993 to consider the tolls to be charged in 1993 and 1994 by Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) of Vancouver, British Columbia. The hearing will take place in Vancouver at a location to be announced later.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 14 October 1993.

The hearing will consider the issues of rate of return on common equity, capital structure, cost of unfunded debt and toll methodology for facilities related to the transportation of refined products from Edmonton, Alberta to Burnaby, British Columbia. The Board will also consider 1994 revenue requirements and tolls in the hearing.

The company has been operating on interim tolls approved by the Board earlier this year.

Trans Mountain owns and operates a pipeline system originating in Edmonton for the transportation of refined products to Kamloops, British Columbia and crude petroleum and other refinery feedstocks to its tank farm and marine terminal in Burnaby.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON 1994 WESTCOAST TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver, British Columbia for tolls the company may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1994.

The hearing will be held in Vancouver beginning Monday, 18 October 1993 at 1 p.m. The location will be announced later. If necessary, the hearing will reconvene on Monday, 1 November 1993 at the Board's hearing room in Calgary.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 30 August 1993.

Westcoast is requesting an overall toll increase of 1.8 per cent over tolls approved for 1993.

The company, in estimating its 1994 cost of service, utilizes a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent, compared with an approved rate of return of 12.25 per cent for 1993. The capital structure utilized in the application includes a common equity component of 35 per cent which is unchanged from that approved by the Board for 1993.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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**NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FROM
INTERCOASTAL PIPE LINE INC. AND INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC.
REGARDING PIPELINE FACILITIES**

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will conduct a public hearing to consider two separate applications from InterCoastal Pipe Line Inc. ("InterCoastal") and Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. ("IPL"). InterCoastal applied for leave to purchase IPL's existing line 8 including the transfer to InterCoastal of the related Certificates and Orders; to convert the existing line 8 from crude oil to natural gas; and for authorization to construct additional facilities. InterCoastal also applied for approval of its tariff for transportation service, toll design and cost allocation methodologies and InterCoastal's interim tolls. IPL applied for authorization to abandon the operation of line 8 as a crude oil pipeline and leave to sell the facilities to InterCoastal.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 18 October 1993 at 1:00 p.m. at the Canterbury Inn Convention Centre, 1485 London Road, Sarnia, Ontario.

InterCoastal is part of a proposed larger international natural gas pipeline system known as the InterCoastal Project that would also include natural gas facilities in the United States to be constructed and operated by ANR Pipeline Company of Detroit, Michigan, and known as the ANR Segment.

The system would have the capacity to transport up to 3.8 million cubic metres (133 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas to markets in eastern Canada and the northeast United States for the period 1 November 1994 to 31 October 1996, and up to 5 million cubic metres (175 million cubic feet) per day thereafter. InterCoastal proposes to be in service by 1 November 1994.

InterCoastal is proposing converting 209.7 kilometres (130.3 miles) of existing crude oil pipeline currently owned by IPL to natural gas service. The existing pipeline extends from IPL's Sarnia, Ontario terminal to Millgrove Junction in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth. InterCoastal proposes to construct new facilities which include 19.7 kilometres (12.2 miles) of 610 millimetre (24-inch) pipe and related facilities extending from a point of connection with the ANR System at the international border under the St. Clair River to a point of connection with the existing system at IPL's Sarnia Terminal. Also included in the Sarnia area is a 1.9 kilometre (1.2 mile) 610 millimetre (24 inch) lateral extending from a point approximately 7.4 kilometres (4.6 miles) from the St. Clair interconnection to a point of connection with the gas storage facilities of Tecumseh Gas Storage, a division of The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. From Millgrove Junction, approximately 22.4 kilometres (13.9 miles) of 508 millimetre (20 inch) pipeline would be constructed to interconnect with The Consumers' Gas distribution system near Oakville.



Copies of the applications are available for viewing at the Board's library, ground floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary; at Energy, Mines and Resources Canada (Department of Natural Resources), 580 Booth Street, Ottawa; and at IPL's offices, 10201 Jasper Avenue, in Edmonton.

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NEB RELEASES REPORT OF INQUIRY ON PIPELINE STRESS CORROSION CRACKING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released its conclusions resulting from an inquiry into pipeline stress corrosion cracking (SCC). The inquiry was announced 21 December 1992 in response to recommendations from the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) of Canada and as a result of the NEB decision to reassess TransCanada PipeLines' (TransCanada) pipeline maintenance program (PMP). The TSB recommendations were in response to three breaks on TransCanada's natural gas transportation system, all of which occurred in Ontario. There were no injuries or fatalities as a result of these incidents.

The NEB, after careful consideration of the TSB's recommendations and the information provided by the inquiry, has concluded that restrictions on operating conditions are not a practical solution to problems caused by the form of SCC found to date in Canadian pipelines. The inquiry found that imposition of arbitrary operating restrictions as recommended by the TSB would not result in any quantifiable improvement in safety and would have substantial negative effects on producers and consumers of natural gas.

The NEB believes the evidence provided to the inquiry demonstrates that SCC is not a widespread problem in Canada and that where it exists on federally-regulated pipelines, the problem is being managed in a responsible fashion. In particular, the NEB considers that TransCanada has expended an appropriate level of effort and resources in the continuing development and implementation of its pipeline maintenance program to address the safety risk posed by SCC. The program includes hydrostatic retesting, investigative excavations and inspections, and selective pipe replacements and is supported by an extensive research program.

The NEB has been carefully monitoring SCC on the TransCanada system since it was first identified in 1985 and will continue to follow developments with respect to SCC research and detection and repair techniques and will be prepared to institute such measures as necessary to ensure public safety.

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Copies of the Inquiry Report are available on request from:

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Copies of the report are also available through the offices of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver, at the Embassy of Canada in Washington and the Canadian Consulate General in Los Angeles.

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NEB TO HOLD REVIEW ON LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR LONG TERM EXPORTS OF OIL SANDS PRODUCTION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, responding to a request from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Barbara Sparrow, will conduct a written review into the current regulatory process for the licensing of long term exports of oil sands petroleum production.

In a letter addressed to the Board, the Minister stated that the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is participating in a steering committee charged with organizing a national task force on oil sands strategies. Mrs. Sparrow noted that this is a joint government-industry effort to "explore various ways to improve the commercial viability of oil sands production" and that, among other things, the task force would review "the efficiency and effectiveness of the present regulatory process as it impacts on commercial prospects for oil sands and its ability to attract capital."

In this context the Minister has asked the Board to review and report on the regulatory mechanisms regarding long-term exports of oil from oil sands development including:

- the appropriateness of the current regulatory regime insofar as it applies to oil produced from oil sands developments;
- the process that should be required for an investor to obtain a long-term export licence from the National Energy Board for the export of oil from oil sands production;
- the feasibility of different regulatory treatment for oil processed from oil sands than for conventional oil;
- if a different regulatory regime for oil sands were judged appropriate, whether this should apply to new projects only, or to a particular class of projects; and
- any suggestions for changes to the existing legislation and regulations to clarify the process and/or the basis on which regulatory decisions are to be made.

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The Board is seeking the views of interested parties. To facilitate the preparation of submissions, it released today a discussion paper for consideration and comment. It is asking anyone wishing to make a submission to file comments with the Secretary of the Board by September 30, 1993 as it wishes to complete its study by the end of November.

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Attachment: Letter from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to NEB Chairman Roland Priddle

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Copies of a discussion paper "Inquiry into Licensing of Long Term Exports of Oil Sands Petroleum Production" prepared by the NEB are available on request from:

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MAY 13 1993

Mr. R. Priddle
Chairman
National Energy Board
311 - 6th Avenue South West
Calgary, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Priddle:

I am writing to seek your assistance in a review of the current regime for the licensing of long term exports of oil sands petroleum production.

Current forecasts continue to indicate that conventional oil production in Canada will significantly decline over the next twenty years. To secure our energy future and a healthy Canadian petroleum industry, alternative sources of supply will need to be developed. Canada's oil sands, one of the world's largest known petroleum deposits, offer great promise in this regard.

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is participating in the recently formed Steering Committee charged with organizing a National Task Force on Oil Sands Strategies. This is a joint government-industry effort to explore various ways to improve the commercial viability of oil sands production. The Task Force will focus on strategies for achieving cost reductions and for prioritizing R&D. It will be reviewing factors affecting commercial and investment prospects for oil sands development, including: the key attributes of commercial development of oil sands; how it differs from conventional oil; what aspects impede oil sands development and what could be done to overcome them; and the efficiency/effectiveness of the present regulatory process as it impacts on commercial prospects for oil sands and its ability to attract capital. It is in relation to this last point in particular that I wish to seek the Board's views.

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Oil sands development will require large sums of capital, some of which will likely have to come from foreign investors. Prospective foreign investors may raise the concern that the National Energy Board Act and its regulatory processes may be an impediment to investing in Canada's oil sands.

The regulations in question are those concerning the granting of a licence for long term exports. Under the current regulatory regime, a licence is required to export oil for periods in excess of one year in the case of light oil or for periods in excess of two years in the case of heavy oil. The process to obtain a licence requires a formal finding that the oil to be exported would be surplus to Canadian requirements, and the approval of a licence by the Governor in Council.

Oil sand projects require long lead times from planning to production. These long lead times and the massive amount of capital required for oil sands development, and hence the resultant financial risks, may drive investors to look for greater certainty with the regulatory process, specifically with respect to access to markets outside Canada, than may be sought for conventional production. Thus, a number of factors, including the size and nature of the oil sands resource base, may justify a different regulatory treatment than is the case for conventional oil.

In light of these considerations, I am asking the Board, under Subsection 26(2) of the National Energy Board Act, to review and report on the regulatory mechanisms regarding long-term exports of oil from oil sands developments.

Without restricting the scope of the report, it should extend to cover the following:

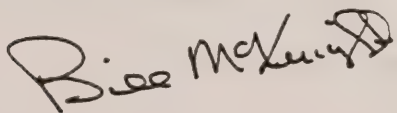
1. The status and appropriateness of the current regulatory regime insofar as it applies to oil produced from oil sands developments.
2. The process that should be required for an investor to obtain a long-term export licence.
3. The feasibility of treating oil processed from oil sands differently from conventional oil.

4. If a different regime for oil sands were judged appropriate, whether this should apply to new projects only, or to a particular class of projects.
5. Any suggestions for changes to the existing legislation and regulations to clarify the process and/or the basis on which regulatory decisions are to be made.

I appreciate that the Board is already participating in a regulatory review under the auspices of the Regulatory Review Advisory Panel which I announced on April 14. I regard the review by the Advisory Panel, however, as fundamentally different from the review which I am asking the Board to undertake. The Panel's task is to review regulations in terms of their cost-effective achievement of the policy objective in question. While the Panel may identify policy issues which should be examined after the review is completed, the Panel is not engaged in a review of policy per se. The review which I am asking the Board to undertake, on the other hand, is focussed on a particular policy issue. While it would seem appropriate to keep the two reviews separate, they are complementary and I expect the two parties to keep each other informed. I am writing to the Chairman of the Advisory Panel to advise him of my request to the Board and to provide him with a copy of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I would hope that the Board could complete its review and report back to me by the end of August 1993.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill McKnight". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "B" and a trailing flourish.

Bill McKnight

Minister
of Energy, Mines and Resources



Ministre
de l'Énergie, des Mines et des Ressources

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Mr. Roland Priddle
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Priddle:

The Honourable Bill McKnight, then Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, wrote you on May 13, 1993 asking the Board to review and report on the regulatory mechanisms regarding long-term exports of oil from oil sands development.

I understand that the Board is now ready to issue a discussion paper seeking public input into its review. I also understand that the Board wishes to extend the date for submission of its report until November 30, 1993 in order to provide sufficient time for public input and preparation of the report.

I wish to reaffirm the importance of this review. I would encourage the Board to proceed in seeking public input and in submitting its recommendations on or before the end of November, 1993.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara J. Sparrow
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For release at 2:30 p.m. (MT)
August 19 1993

NEB SETS NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS-NORTHERN PIPELINES

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved new tolls to be charged by Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (Trans-Northern), of Toronto, effective January 1, 1993. Since then, the company has been operating on interim tolls authorized by the Board.

Trans-Northern applied on November 30, 1992 for an increase in tolls of approximately 10.5 per cent. The Board has approved an average increase of 8.5 per cent. In its Decision, the Board said the increase was being permitted because of a reduction of approximately 11.6 per cent in forecast throughputs since the last time tolls were set in October, 1991.

The Board also approved a 11.75 per cent rate of return on common equity, a decrease from the 12.5 percent rate proposed by Trans-Northern in its revised application.

Trans-Northern operates an oil products pipeline between Nanticoke, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec.

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For Release at 2:30 p.m. MT
24 August 1993

NEB ISSUES TWO LICENCES FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS AND AMENDS AN EXISTING LICENCE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued licences to CanWest Gas Supply Inc. and ProGas Limited for the export of natural gas. The Board, at the request of the applicant, also amended an existing ProGas licence.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 28 June 1993 in Calgary.

The Board issued a 20-year licence to CanWest to export up to 300 520 cubic metres (10.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The gas will be sold to Klickitat Energy Company and used to fuel a 49.5 megawatt natural gas and wood waste fired combined cycle cogeneration project at Bingen, Washington.

The Board also issued a 10-year licence to ProGas to export up to 2 124 600 cubic metres (75 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The gas will be sold to Consumers Power Company, a local distribution company, to serve its franchise area in the lower peninsula of Michigan. The Board also amended an existing ProGas licence by reducing the authorized export volumes of that licence.

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BACKGROUND

Authorized Volumes for The New Licences

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)
CanWest/ Klickitat	300.5 (10.6)	109.7 (3.9)	2 194.0 (77.4)
ProGas/ Consumers Power	2 124.6 (75.0)	775.5 (27.4)	7 755.0 (273.8)

Volume Changes to the Existing ProGas Licence

From:	9 440.9 (333.3)	3 100.0 (109.4)	42 225.0 (1 490.5)
To:	7 316.3 (258.3)	2 325.0 (82.1)	36 796.5 (1 298.9)

Units:

10^3m^3 : Thousand cubic metres
 10^6m^3 : Million cubic metres
MMcf: Million cubic feet
Bcf: Billion cubic feet

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For Immediate Release
3 September 1993

APPLICATION TO TERMINATE ORDERS RESTRICTING EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Calgary - Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S"), Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT"), Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") and Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd ("ANG"), collectively referred to as the Applicants, have applied for orders terminating two orders of the Board which restrict exports to Northern California.

Following a public hearing held in February and March 1992, the Board, on 24 June 1992, announced that it was taking measures to counteract the detrimental effects on the Canadian public interest of regulatory decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). The Board expressed its concern that these decisions could undermine existing long-term commercial arrangements under which Canadian producers supply gas to Northern California.

At that time the Board issued orders to:

- immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that precludes exports at Kingsgate and Huntingdon, British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT; and
- immediately suspend interruptible transportation service for the delivery of gas to the Kingsgate, British Columbia, export point and the assignment provisions of ANG's Gas Transportation Service Document.

Those orders have had the effect of preventing the displacement of the long-term gas supply of A&S and its producers to Northern California. The Board decided to implement those measures pending the restructuring of existing long-term contractual arrangements and until all necessary regulatory approvals are in place for such new arrangements.

The application states that all affected parties have been negotiating a restructuring of the existing contractual arrangements and that the negotiations have resulted in a Decontracting Plan that has been agreed to by A&S, PGT and PG&E and a large majority of the producers selling to A&S. The Decontracting Plan will result in the commercial restructuring of gas sales transactions between Canadian gas suppliers and California purchasers. Implementation of the Decontracting Plan is proposed to be effective 1 November 1993.



The Applicants further stated that the termination of the Board's orders and the granting of certain collateral and related relief by the Board effective 1 November 1993, is a condition to the Decontracting Plan becoming effective.

The Board had decided to deal with the application by means of written submissions. Interested parties have until 29 September 1993 to file submissions.

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Note to Editors: See the attached Backgrounder for more information on this matter.

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BACKGROUNDER

ALBERTA & SOUTHERN LICENCES

Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S") has been authorized to export gas under various licences since 1961. A&S is currently authorized under Licence GL-99 to export 31.9 million cubic metres (1.1 billion cubic feet) per day of natural gas to Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT") for delivery to Northern California markets served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"). The gas is transported from the Alberta-British Columbia border to the international boundary at Kingsgate, British Columbia through Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd's ("ANG") pipeline facilities. In 1991, A&S exported 9.6 billion cubic metres (338.1 billion cubic feet) of natural gas under Licence GL-99 for a total value of \$815.6 million.

In 1987, A&S applied for an amendment to its export Licence GL-99 to extend the term of the licence by 16 years from 1994 to 2010 and to increase the term quantity by six trillion cubic feet. The Board conducted a public hearing pursuant to Order GH-5-88 to deal with the application in December 1988. In May 1989, the Board determined in its *Reasons for Decision, Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd., May 1989* ("GH-5-88 Decision") that the issuance of a new licence to A&S would be in the public interest. However, in view of the heavy reliance upon supply from development contracts in the latter years of the licence term requested, the Board decided to extend Licence GL-99 by issuing a new Licence GL-111 authorizing the export of 116.4 billion cubic metres (4.1 trillion cubic feet) of natural gas to Northern California for a period of 11 years beginning in November 1994.

At the GH-5-88 proceeding, the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") filed a letter with the Board supporting the extension of Licence GL-99 and endorsed the concept of a long-term supply commitment from Canada because of the reliability, stability and competitiveness of the A&S supply to meet California's market requirements.

CPUC POLICY AFTER THE GH-5-88 PROCEEDING

Since the GH-5-88 Decision, the CPUC attitude towards the A&S gas supply has changed dramatically. In mid-1990 its view was that PG&E had entered into contractual obligations which "preclude competitive access". The contract prices are seen to be "substantially higher than Canadian market prices"; and PG&E was instructed to renegotiate its A&S producer contracts to "provide for reduced minimum takes and improved flexibility".

In a series of decisions flowing from proceedings initiated by the CPUC, the Commission embarked on a regulatory policy dramatically different from that which was in place at the time of the Board's GH-5-88 proceeding.

THE CANADIAN PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

On 27 November 1991, the Canadian Petroleum Association ("CPA") filed an amended application for review of the Board's GH-5-88 Decision pertaining to the issuance of Licence GL-111 to A&S for the export of natural gas to Northern California. The amended application was an update of the CPA's earlier application for review which was filed on 29 May 1991.

The amended application requested that the Board take immediate action to counteract the effects of a decision of the CPUC relating to the rules for capacity brokering of pipeline space in California. The CPA requested that the Board review its GH-5-88 Decision in light of the aforesaid action and other actions by the CPUC, all of which constituted new facts and changed circumstances which have arisen since the Board's GH-5-88 Decision.

In its application, as amended, the CPA specifically requested that the Board:

1. immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that prohibits deliveries into the pipeline system of PGT of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT;
2. immediately convene a public hearing to conduct a review of the GH-5-88 Decision in light of the changed circumstances and new facts that have arisen;
3. immediately upon completion of the public hearing:
 - (a) confirm and reiterate that the issuance of Licence GL-111 was authorized by the Board in accordance with its Market-Based Procedure in reliance upon freely negotiated long-term contracts;
 - (b) direct that such long-term contracts shall govern the export of Canadian gas to the Northern California market until restructuring of those contracts is completed and all Canadian and United States regulatory tribunals have, after due process, granted all approvals necessary to allow the restructured contracts to govern; and
 - (c) condition all short-term export orders to prohibit deliveries into the pipeline system of PGT of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT. The prohibition should continue until restructuring is completed and all requisite approvals have been obtained after due process; and
4. determine and declare that the actions of the CPUC since the issuance of the GH-5-88 Decision are contrary to the intent of Canadian and United States energy policy, the Market-Based Procedure, the GH-5-88 Decision and the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement.

The CPA took the position that the actions of the CPUC were contrary to the GH-5-88 Decision, the Market-Based Procedure, Canadian and United States energy policy and the Free Trade Agreement. It was also the position of the CPA that the CPUC decision violated the sanctity of the contracts upon which the Board based the GH-5-88 Decision. For this reason, the CPA submitted that the Board should take immediate action to

neutralize the concerted regulatory effort of the CPUC to frustrate the freely-negotiated contractual undertakings upon which the GH-5-88 Decision was based.

THE BOARD'S HEARING ORDER GH-R-1-91

The Board decided on 12 December 1991, pursuant to sections 12, 21 and 59 of the NEB Act to hold a public hearing and issued Hearing Order GH-R-1-91 on 19 December 1991 to review A&S' gas export Licences GL-99 and GL-111, the Board's GH-5-88 Decision, and inquire into the following issues:

- a) the effects of the regulatory actions and decisions taken in California on existing and proposed exports of Canadian gas authorized by the Board under Licences GL-99 and GL-111;
- b) the consequences of these actions and decisions on the Board's findings and decision in GH-5-88 which were rendered under the Board's Market-Based Procedure;
- c) the likelihood of commercial restructuring of the long-term contractual arrangements underpinning the export licences in view of these actions and decisions and, if such restructuring is to occur, the appropriate period of time for it to take place; consequences of these actions and decisions on the Board's findings and decision in GH-5-88 which were rendered under the Board's Market-Based Procedure;
- d) whether it is permissible within the Board's current authority and, if so, whether it is desirable for the Board to attach a condition to all short-term export orders that would prohibit exports at Kingsgate, British Columbia, of any Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT and, if so, for what period of time should such a condition remain in effect;
- e) whether access to pipeline capacity on ANG does or should take into account existing long-term contractual arrangements for the sale of Canadian gas to California markets in view of the potential consequences of recent regulatory actions and decisions taken in the United States of America; and
- f) whether amendments to ANG's tariff are required to address those issues raised in paragraph e) or any other effects on the transportation and sale of Canadian gas as a result of the regulatory actions and decisions taken in the United States of America and, if so, for what period of time should the changes to the tariff remain in effect.

By Hearing Order GH-R-1-91, the Board also sought the views of interested parties on whether interim measures to ensure that exports under long-term licences on the ANG pipeline to California are not displaced by exports under short-term orders were permissible within the Board's current authority and, if so, whether any should be implemented, pending the outcome of the GH-R-1-91 public hearing. The measures considered by the Board were:

- 1) to immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that prohibits deliveries at Kingsgate, British Columbia of any Canadian gas for

utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT; and/or

- 2) to suspend any portion of ANG's tariff and to substitute therefor provisions which would address immediately access to firm and interruptible transportation, assignment or brokering of capacity and other terms and conditions of transportation service on the facilities of ANG.

THE INTERIM MEASURES

After considering the comments of interested parties on the proposed interim measures, the Board, on 4 February 1992, issued two interim orders, as interim measures pending the outcome of the hearing. One order required that any company planning to export additional natural gas at Kingsgate, British Columbia and any applicant for short-term export orders for the same export point obtain prior permission of the Board. The second order suspended the right of shippers on ANG to release or transfer any portion of their firm capacity on the ANG pipeline system.

THE FINAL MEASURES

Following the public hearing, the Board, on 24 June 1992, issued orders to:

- immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that precludes exports at Kingsgate and Huntingdon, British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that is not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT; and
- immediately suspend interruptible transportation service for the delivery of gas to the Kingsgate, British Columbia, export point and the assignment provisions of ANG's Gas Transportation Service Document.

The Board decided that the order would remain in effect for a period sufficient to allow for fair and equitable contractual arrangements to be negotiated by all affected parties and until all necessary regulatory approvals are in place for such new arrangements.

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NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC. TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES IN WESTERN CANADA

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. ("IPL") for permission to construct \$258.2 million worth of pipeline expansion facilities during 1994.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 22 November 1993 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room at 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The facilities applied for include construction of approximately 704 kilometres (437 miles) of 406 millimetre (16 inch) diameter pipeline in or adjacent to the existing IPL right-of-way from Edmonton, Alberta to Regina, Saskatchewan, reactivation of currently idle pipeline between Regina and Cromer, Manitoba, a change in transportation service of an existing pipeline from crude oil to primarily refined products from Cromer to Gretna, Manitoba and the addition of new pumping units or modifications to existing pumping units to service the expanded system. The Company also plans the addition of one 23 850 cubic metre (150 000 barrel) tank at Edmonton and another tank of the same size at Regina.

IPL states in its application that the facilities are required to meet the forecasted additional throughput on its system and plans to expand the pipeline's annual capacity from Edmonton to Gretna by approximately 17 500 cubic metres (110 000 barrels) per day.

Interested parties are required to file their interventions by 22 September 1993.

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16 September 1993

NEB RELEASES NEW ESTIMATES OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN CANADA'S NORTH

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released new results from its study of recoverable oil and gas resources in significant discoveries in Canada's northern frontier regions. The study includes the southern Northwest Territories, Mackenzie Valley and Yukon.

In the past the Board released only regional totals and did not identify resources in individual discoveries. The new estimates will interest those concerned with the potential of individual discoveries in the north. The total discovered resource volume is somewhat larger than previously published figures, although the new estimates are not strictly comparable due to changes in methodology. Further, the economics or feasibility of development of these resources have not been considered in the study.

A list of estimates for 22 discoveries, based on analyses of 37 gas pools and six oil pools, is available on request. Estimates for pools based on data which is still confidential will not be released at this time. However for most pools, the estimates are based on publicly available well and seismic data.

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NEB ANNOUNCES NEW HEARING DATE AND LOCATION FOR INTERCOASTAL PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, responding to a motion from the Ontario Pipeline Landowners Association (OPLA), has changed the hearing date and location for a public hearing into two separate applications by InterCoastal Pipe Line Inc. (InterCoastal) and Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL).

The hearing will begin 10 January 1994 and be held in London, Ontario. It had originally been scheduled for October in Sarnia, Ontario.

The OPLA and other landowners along the pipeline route requested the postponement because of fall harvesting activities now taking place. Several landowners also requested that the Board relocate the hearing to a more central location.

The Board also rejected a proposal by the applicants and some interested parties to split the hearing into two phases. The Board is of the view that it would be more efficient to hear the entire application at one time, due, in part, to the potential interrelationship between the issues being considered.

InterCoastal applied for leave to purchase IPL's existing Line 8 including the transfer to InterCoastal of the related Certificates and Orders; to convert the existing Line 8 from crude oil to natural gas; and for authorization to construct additional facilities. InterCoastal also applied for approval of its tariff for transportation service, toll design and cost allocation methodologies and InterCoastal's interim tolls. IPL applied for authorization to abandon the operation of Line 8 as a crude oil pipeline and leave to sell the facilities to InterCoastal.

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NEB RECEIVES TWO APPLICATIONS FROM PROGAS LIMITED FOR NEW NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND FOR AMENDMENTS TO TWO EXISTING LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received two applications from ProGas Limited ("ProGas") to amend two existing natural gas export licences and for the issuance of six new natural gas export licences.

In its first application, ProGas applied to amend an existing licence by reducing the volumes exported under the licence and for the issuance of six new licences. ProGas stated in its application that one of its interstate pipeline customers under the existing licence, ANR Pipeline Company ("ANR"), will eventually cease its merchant functions as the United States natural gas industry continues its restructuring process. ProGas has entered into new natural gas sales contracts with six of ANR's traditional customers which will replace most of the natural gas exported to ANR under the existing licence. The new licences, which are for terms of seven to ten years, are for the export of natural gas to Michigan Gas Utilities, Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company, Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

In its second application, ProGas requested approval to extend the term of an existing licence by seven years and to increase the total quantity of natural gas that may be exported during the term of the licence. Under that licence, ProGas exports natural gas to Northeast Energy Associates and North Jersey Energy Associates. The natural gas is used to fuel two cogeneration plants in Bellingham, Massachusetts and Sayreville, New Jersey.

The Board will announce at a later date what procedures it will follow to deal with the applications.



NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more details on the applications. The Board will make available, upon request (telephone 403-292-4800), copies of the summaries of the contractual terms and conditions of each export sales arrangement.

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Backgrounder

Applied-for Volumes and Duration

First Application

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
New Licences Requested				
ProGas/ Michigan Gas Utilities	75.7 (2.7)	27.6 (1.0)	193.5 (6.8)	1/11/93 for 7 years
ProGas/ Wisconsin Fuel & Light Co.	84.8 (3.0)	31.0 (1.1)	309.7 (10.9)	1/11/93 for 10 years
ProGas/ Wisconsin Gas Co.	807.1 (28.50)	294.6 (10.4)	2 062.0 (72.8)	1/11/93 for 7 years
ProGas/ Wisconsin Natural Gas Co.	304.0 (10.7)	111.0 (3.9)	1 109.7 (39.2)	1/11/93 for 10 years
ProGas/ Wisconsin Power & Light Co.	95.9 (3.4)	35.0 (1.2)	350.2 (12.4)	1/11/93 for 10 years
ProGas/ Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	313.8 (11.1)	114.5 (4.0)	1 145.3 (40.4)	1/11/93 for 10 years

NOTE: All exports will be through Emerson, Manitoba.

Requested reduction in volumes of Licence GL-98 for exports to ANR Pipeline Company

From:	7 316.3 (258.3)	2 325.0 (82.1)	36 796.5 (1 298.9)
To:	5 634.9 (198.9)	1 711.3 (60.4)	31 626.1 (1 116.4)

Second Application

ProGas requested an increase in the term volume and an extension of the term of Licence GL-129

Extension of the term: From 31 October 2006 to 31 October 2013.

Daily and annual volumes: For the period commencing 1 November 2006 and ending 31 October 2013 authorizing the export of 2 039 604 cubic metres (72 million cubic feet) per day and 744 455 600 cubic metres (26.280 billion cubic feet) in any consecutive 12-month period ending 31 October.

Increase in term quantities: From 13 804.2 cubic metres (487.3 billion cubic feet) to 19 015.3 cubic metres (671.2 billion cubic feet).

Measurements:

10³m³: Thousand cubic metres

10⁶m³: Million cubic metres

MMcf: Million cubic feet

Bcf: Billion cubic feet

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NEB UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in January 1994. During the past two years, the Board has held gas export hearings on a regular basis. In continuing this practice, the Board has decided to call for export applications for a hearing in January 1994.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 22 October 1993 in order to be included in a January proceeding. Following the 22 October 1993 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in any hearing.

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5 October 1993

NEB APPROVES WBI CANADIAN PIPELINE LTD. APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AND CONFIRMS FEDERAL JURISDICTION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved a request by WBI Canadian Pipeline Ltd. (WBI Canadian), a subsidiary of the Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) of Bismark, North Dakota, to construct a natural gas pipeline from North Portal, Saskatchewan to the international boundary where it will connect with a new pipeline in the United States.

The approval is the result of a written review conducted by the Board of its decision on 25 February 1993 denying the application on jurisdictional grounds. The review was requested by TransGas Limited (TransGas) of Regina.

WBI Canadian applied to the Board on 9 October 1992 to construct a 1.15 kilometre pipeline from a new TransGas pipeline at North Portal, Saskatchewan where it would connect downstream with a new 15.2 kilometre Williston Basin pipeline in the U.S. The new line will connect upstream with the newly-constructed 35.6 kilometre TransGas line extending to Steelman from North Portal (the "Steeleman/North Portal Extension").

The Board also confirmed its previous decision that the Steelman/North Portal Extension, once connected to the WBI Canadian line, is subject to federal jurisdiction and regulation by the Board.

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8 October 1993

NEB RECEIVES EXPRESS PIPELINE APPLICATION FROM ALBERTA ENERGY COMPANY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Express Pipeline Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alberta Energy Company Ltd. (AEC) of Edmonton and Calgary, to construct and operate an oil pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta.

The company says the pipeline, known as the Express Pipeline, would involve installation of approximately 1 247 kilometres (775 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe of which 430 kilometres (267 miles) will form the Canadian portion from Hardisty to Wild Horse. On the American side, the pipeline would continue to a transportation hub at Casper, Wyoming. The planned pipeline would be capable of transporting a minimum of 28 600 cubic metres (180 000 barrels) per day of crude oil types ranging from bitumen blends to synthetic oil. The estimated cost of the Canadian portion of the pipeline is \$169.5 million.

The company plans to begin construction of the pipeline in the third quarter of 1994. It is anticipated to have the pipeline in service by January 1995.

The Board has decided to hear the Express Pipeline application in conjunction with the Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. Western Canadian Pipeline Expansion application. The hearing is to begin at 1:00 p.m., 22 November 1993 at the Board's Hearing Room, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

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NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TCPL 1994 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for tolls the company may charge effective 1 January 1994 for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The hearing will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, beginning Monday, 7 February 1994, at 1 p.m. at a location to be announced later.

Parties interested in participating in the hearing are required to file their intervention with the Board by 4 November 1993.

The tolls requested by TransCanada for the Eastern Zone average 0.2 per cent less than tolls in effect during 1993.

TransCanada has also requested a 4.8 per cent increase in its revenue requirement, to \$1,608.2 million from \$1,533.9 million and a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent. This compares to a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent that the Board approved for TransCanada for 1993.

As part of its application, the company filed the report of a joint industry task force which has been working to reach agreement on various issues being applied for.

TransCanada owns and operates a large diameter natural gas pipeline system extending from Alberta to Quebec.

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14 October 1993

NEB RECEIVES 1994 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received, and is conducting a review of, an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton for approval of new tolls the company may charge, beginning 1 January 1994, for the transportation of crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons.

The tolls requested by IPL for shipments of light crude oil from Edmonton to Sarnia are on average, 5.6 per cent higher than the tolls which have been in effect since they were approved in 1992.

The company requested a net revenue requirement of approximately \$342.1 million, which is approximately 10.4 per cent higher than the net revenue requirement approved in 1992. The company also requested that its rate of return on equity of 12.5 per cent on a deemed equity ratio of 45 per cent remain unchanged.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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21 October 1993

NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for construction of new natural gas transportation facilities during 1994 and 1995. The construction is planned to take place in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

The decision is the result of a public hearing held in Toronto, Ontario, in June 1993.

The Board has given approval for TransCanada to construct \$397.3 million worth of new facilities, including 164.4 kilometres of new pipeline loop, 129 megawatts of additional compression, two aftercoolers, one meter station and compression related items. The facilities will be used to provide additional capacity totalling approximately two million cubic metres (71.8 million cubic feet) per day for new long haul firm service deliveries, of which 943 thousand cubic metres (33.4 million cubic feet) per day would be used for domestic service. The remaining 1.1 million cubic metres (38.4 million cubic feet) of new long haul capacity would be for two new export services. In addition, the expansion will provide a total of approximately six million cubic metres (211.4 million cubic feet) per day of new short-haul firm service for export customers.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB TERMINATES ORDERS RESTRICTING EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("the Board") has decided to revoke, effective 1 November 1993, two orders of the Board which restricted natural gas exports to Northern California and which were issued by the Board in June 1992. The Board has decided to revoke the orders after having reviewed the submissions from interested parties on an application dated 30 August 1993, from Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. ("A&S"), Pacific Gas Transmission Company ("PGT"), Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") and Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd ("ANG"), collectively referred to as the Applicants, to terminate the orders of the Board.

The Applicants stated in their application that all affected parties had been negotiating a restructuring of the existing contractual arrangements and that the negotiations had resulted in a Decontracting Plan that had been agreed to by A&S, PGT and PG&E and a large majority of the producers selling to A&S. According to information filed with the Board by the Applicants, about 85 percent of A&S' producers, representing more than 99 percent of its supply, had agreed to the Decontracting plan. The Decontracting Plan would result in the commercial restructuring of gas sales transactions between Canadian gas suppliers and California purchasers. Implementation of the Decontracting Plan is proposed to be effective 1 November 1993.

The Applicants further stated that the termination of the Board's orders and the granting of certain collateral and related relief by the Board effective 1 November 1993, was a condition to the Decontracting Plan becoming effective.

In arriving at its decision to terminate the restricting orders, the Board was of the view that significant progress has been made toward the restructuring of existing long-term contractual arrangements for the sale and delivery of Canadian gas supplied to the Northern California market. The Board was also of the view that all regulatory approvals necessary for the implementation of the Decontracting Plan would be in place by 1 November 1993.

As background, following a public hearing held in February and March 1992, the Board, on 24 June 1992, announced that it was taking measures to counteract the detrimental effects on the Canadian public interest of regulatory decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission. The Board expressed its concern that these decisions could undermine existing long-term commercial arrangements under which Canadian producers supply gas to Northern California.

At that time the Board issued orders to:

- immediately vary all short-term export orders to add a condition that precluded exports at Kingsgate and Huntingdon, British Columbia, of Canadian gas destined for utilization in the Northern California market that was not gas presently contracted by A&S for sale to PGT; and
- immediately suspend interruptible transportation service for the delivery of gas to the Kingsgate, British Columbia, export point and the assignment provisions of ANG's Gas Transportation Service Document.

Those orders have had the effect of preventing the displacement of the long-term gas supply of A&S and its producers to Northern California. The Board decided to implement those measures pending the restructuring of existing long-term contractual arrangements and until all necessary regulatory approvals were in place for such new arrangements.

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NEB SEEKS COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS CONCERNING FILING REQUIREMENTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board is seeking comments from interested parties on amendments to its electricity regulations describing the information to be filed in applications to export electricity and construct and operate international power lines.

Since Bill C-23, an act to amend the *National Energy Board Act*, came into force on 1 June 1990, the Board has processed a number of electricity applications. Based on this experience, the Board issued a Memorandum of Guidance on 7 July 1993 modifying its procedures for dealing with electricity export and international power line applications.

The Board subsequently revised its draft Electricity Regulations and is conducting a consultation process to seek input from parties who may have a interest in electrical export and international power line applications that come before the Board.

After industry and the public have been consulted, the Board intends to have the revised Electricity Regulations examined by the Department of Justice and published in the *Canada Gazette* in order to have them promulgated.

Parties wishing to comment on the proposed revised draft Electricity Regulations are requested to file their submission by 30 November 1993.

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MANITOBA HYDRO REQUESTS NEB APPROVAL TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY TO MINNKOTA POWER

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has received an application from Manitoba Hydro for authorization to export firm power and energy to the Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The electricity would be exported during the summer months (May to October) for a seven-year period, from 1995 to 2001, in accordance with the terms of a firm power contract executed in June 1993. Minnkota Power provides electrical service to customers in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

The application is for approval to export a maximum of 10 megawatts (MW) in 1995 and 1996; 40 MW in 1997 and 1998; 45 MW in 1999 and 2000; and 50 MW in 2001. The maximum amount of energy that could be exported under the existing contract is 44 gigawatt hours (GW.h) in 1995 and 1996; 177 GW.h in 1997 and 1998; 199 GW.h in 1999 and 2000; and 221 GW.h in 2001. Manitoba Hydro states that the exports would allow it an opportunity to maximize the benefit from available surplus generation.

The Board is seeking the views of interested parties on Manitoba Hydro's application before issuing a permit or recommending to the Governor in Council that a public hearing be held. Interested parties wishing to make their views known are required to file written submissions with the Board by November 15, 1993. The application is available for viewing at the offices of Manitoba Hydro in Winnipeg and at the Board's library in Calgary.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND AN APPLICATION TO AMEND AN EXISTING NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received applications from five companies for ten licences to export natural gas and to amend an existing natural gas export licence.

The applications are described below.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. applied for a 15-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas would be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. applied for a 15-year licence to export some 398 000 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas would be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

ProGas Limited applied for two licences, with terms of four and nine years, to export a total of 413 800 cubic metres (14.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The licences are for the export of natural gas to the Wisconsin Gas Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, two local distribution companies located in the State of Wisconsin. ProGas also applied to amend an existing licence by reducing the authorized export volumes.

Shell Canada Limited applied for a 15-year licence to export some 609 000 cubic metres (21.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas would be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

Western Gas Marketing Limited applied for five licences to export a total of 4.5 million cubic metres (159.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas would be exported to Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and



Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company, five local distribution companies located in the State of Wisconsin.

The Board will announce at a later date what procedures it will follow in dealing with the applications.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for more details on the applications and a list of the contact persons for each of the applicants. The Board will make available, upon request (telephone 403-292-4800), copies of the summaries of the contractual terms and conditions of each export sales arrangement.

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BACKGROUNDER

APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Brooklyn Navy Yard/ Brooklyn Navy Yard	750.0 (26.5)	274.0 (9.7)	4 110.0 (145.0)	First deliveries for 15 years
Husky Oil/ Tenaska	398.0 (14.0)	145.3 (5.1)	2 179.1 (76.9)	First deliveries for 15 years
ProGas/** Wisconsin Public	226.4 (7.0)	82.6 (2.9)	330.5 (11.7)	From 1/11/93 for four years
ProGas/** Wisconsin Gas	187.4 (6.6)	68.4 (2.4)	615.6 (21.7)	From 1/11/93 for nine years
Shell/ Tenaska	609.0 (21.5)	223.0 (7.9)	3 002.0 (106.0)	1/4/96 or the date of first deliveries, whichever is later, and continuing for 15 years
WGML/ Wisconsin Gas	2 533.0 (89.4)	927.0 (32.7)	9 270.0 (327.0)	From approval to 31 October 2003
WGML/ Wisconsin Public	776.0 (27.4)	283.0 (10.0)	2 830.0 (100.0)	From approval to 31 October 2003
WGML/ Wisconsin Natural	752.0 (26.5)	275.0 (9.71)	2 750.0 (97.1)	From approval to 31 October 2003
WGML/ Wisconsin Power	237.0 (8.4)	86.7 (3.1)	867.0 (30.6)	From approval to 31 October 2003
WGML/ Wisconsin Fuel	210.0 (7.4)	76.8 (2.7)	768.0 (27.1)	From approval to 31 October 2003

****Requested reduction in volumes of existing natural gas export Licence GL-98.**

	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)
From:	5 634.9 (198.9)	1 711.3 (60.4)	31 626.1 (1 116.4)
To:	5 221.1 (184.3)	1 560.3 (55.1)	30 680.0 (1 083.0)

Measurements:

10³m³: Thousand cubic metres

10⁶m³: Million cubic metres

MMcf: Million cubic feet

Bcf: Billion cubic feet

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NEB ISSUES DECISION ON FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced its decision on matters affecting tolls and tariffs for Foothills Pipe Lines Limited (Foothills) of Calgary following an eight day hearing in August and September. The hearing was held in response to industry requests for a review of the company's capital structure and rate of return.

The Board has approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.5 per cent. The company had applied for 13 per cent, but reduced its request to its previously approved rate of 12.5 per cent at the beginning of the hearing.

The Board approved a common equity ratio for Foothills of 28 per cent. The company had applied for a common equity ratio of 35 per cent, and had been operating since its inception in 1981 with an actual common equity component of 25 per cent, plus or minus five per cent.

As a result of the Board's decision in this case Foothills' annual cost of service will be approximately 8.6 per cent lower than applied for.

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NEB RECEIVES PIPELINE APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL LETTER

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a letter dated 15 November 1993 from Express Pipeline Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alberta Energy Company Ltd. (AEC) of Edmonton, withdrawing its application to construct and operate an oil pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta.

The application was to have been heard in conjunction with the Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) Western Canadian Expansion application, beginning 22 November. The public hearing on IPL's application will continue as scheduled, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, 311-Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

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NEB RECEIVES TRANS MOUNTAIN APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF PIPELINE FACILITIES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (Trans Mountain) of Vancouver for expansion of its pipeline system from Alberta to British Columbia and Washington State.

The project involves the reactivation of an 81 kilometre pipeline loop between Edson, Alberta and Hinton, Alberta, the construction of a new pump station at Kingsvale, British Columbia, the installation of a domed roof on an existing tank at the company's Sumas, British Columbia tank farm and modifications at 10 existing pump stations. The expansion would permit Trans Mountain to ship an additional 6 000 cubic metres (38 000 barrels) per day of crude oil through its pipeline system to refineries in Washington State. The system's current capacity is approximately 36 600 cubic metres (230 000 barrels) per day.

Trans Mountain estimates that the project will cost \$27.5 million.

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NEB RECEIVES ANG APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG) for a further expansion of its pipeline system in southeastern British Columbia.

ANG is proposing to expand its system to accommodate various long term contracts for new, firm transportation service, beginning 1 November 1995. The facilities applied for include an additional compressor unit at each of two stations, new aerodynamic assemblies for the existing compressors at both stations and appropriate piping, electrical additions and modifications. The capital cost of the project is estimated at \$51.7 million.

The expansion facilities are intended to meet growing demand for natural gas in long term markets in southern British Columbia, the Pacific Northwest states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, northeastern California and northwestern Nevada. The project would provide about 1.14 million cubic metres (40.4 million cubic feet) per day of winter-only service for one domestic shipper and up to 9.11 million cubic metres (321.7 million cubic feet) per day of annual capacity for 10 export shippers.

ANG owns and operates a natural gas transmission system in southeastern British Columbia, extending from an interconnection with the NOVA Corporation pipeline near Crowsnest, Alberta to an interconnection with the Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) system at the international boundary near Kingsgate, British Columbia. A joint expansion completed this past October by ANG and Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. boosted the export capacity at Kingsgate by over 50 per cent to about 69.6 million cubic metres (2.45 billion cubic feet) per day.

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3 December 1993

NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND APPLICATIONS TO AMEND EXISTING NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing applications from five companies for 16 licences to export natural gas and for amendments to two existing natural gas export licences.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 31 January 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The applications are described below.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. applied for a 15-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas would be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. applied for a 15-year licence to export some 398 000 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas would be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

ProGas Limited applied, in three applications, to amend two existing natural gas export licences and for the issuance of eight new natural gas export licences.

In its first application, **ProGas** applied for six new licences, for terms of seven and ten years, to export some 1 681 500 cubic metres (59.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The licences are for the export of natural gas to Michigan Gas Utilities, Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company, Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation., six local distribution companies in the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. ProGas also applied to amend an existing licence by reducing the authorized export volumes.



In its second application, **ProGas** applied for approval to extend the term of an existing licence by seven years and to increase the total quantity of natural gas that may be exported during the term of the licence from 13.8 billion cubic metres (487.3 billion cubic feet) to 19 billion cubic metres (671.2 billion cubic feet). Under that licence, ProGas exports natural gas to Northeast Energy Associates and North Jersey Energy Associates. The natural gas is used to fuel two cogeneration plants in Bellingham, Massachusetts and Sayreville, New Jersey.

In its third application, **ProGas** applied for two licences, with terms of four and nine years, to export a total of 413 800 cubic metres (14.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The licences are for the export of natural gas to the Wisconsin Gas Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, two local distribution companies located in the State of Wisconsin. ProGas also applied to amend an existing licence by reducing the authorized export volumes.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: For more details on the applications on the applications, please see the Board's news releases of 28 September 1993 (93/47) and 8 November 1993 (93/58).

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6 December 1993

NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON ANG EXPANSION APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application from Alberta Natural Gas (ANG) of Calgary for a further expansion of its pipeline system in southeastern British Columbia.

The hearing has been tentatively scheduled to take place in the Board's hearing room in Calgary in March, 1994. Exact dates will be announced later.

ANG is proposing to expand its system to accommodate various long term contracts for new, firm transportation service, beginning 1 November 1995. The facilities applied for include an additional compressor unit at each of two stations, new aerodynamic assemblies in the existing compressors at both stations and appropriate piping, electrical additions and modifications. The company estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$51.7 million.

The expansion facilities are intended to meet growing demand for natural gas in long term markets in southern British Columbia, the Pacific Northwest states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, northeastern California and northwestern Nevada.

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NEB TO HOLD WRITTEN HEARING ON TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE EXPANSION APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided to conduct a written hearing on an application by Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (Trans Mountain) of Vancouver for expansion of its pipeline system through Alberta, British Columbia and into Washington State.

Exact details on the written proceeding will be announced at a later date.

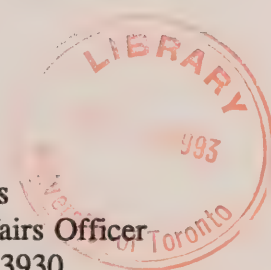
Trans Mountain's project involves the reactivation of an 81 kilometre (50 miles) pipeline loop between Edson, Alberta and Hinton, Alberta, the construction of a new pump station at Kingsvale, British Columbia, the installation of a domed roof on an existing tank at the company's Sumas, British Columbia tank farm and modifications at the 10 existing pump stations. The expansion would permit Trans Mountain to ship an additional 6 000 cubic metres (38 000 barrels) per day of crude oil through its pipeline system to refineries in Washington State. The system's current capacity is approximately 36 000 cubic metres (230 000 barrels) per day.

Trans Mountain estimates that the project will cost \$27.5 million.

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7 December 1993

NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE UNDER OTTAWA RIVER

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Niagara Gas Transmission Limited (Niagara Gas) to construct a natural gas transmission pipeline under the Ottawa River.

Niagara Gas is proposing to construct approximately 10.5 kilometres (6.5 miles) of pipeline from an interconnection with the existing Consumers' Gas Ottawa System pipeline in the City of Gloucester, Ontario, to a point of interconnection with a proposed new pipeline in the Gazifere Distribution System in Gatineau, Quebec. The company says it wants to construct the facilities now in order to avoid projected delivery problems in the winter of 1994-1995.

The company's estimated cost of the new facilities is \$11.2 million.

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7 December 1993

NEB RECEIVES PANCANADIAN APPLICATION FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE UNDER OTTAWA RIVER

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from PanCanadian Petroleum Limited (PanCanadian) of Calgary to construct a natural gas pipeline across the Ottawa River. The application was submitted on behalf of PanCanadian, Canadian Pacific Forest Products Limited (CP Forest) and Asea Brown Boveri Inc.

PanCanadian is proposing to construct approximately 14.5 kilometres (nine miles) of pipeline from the TransCanada PipeLines Limited Ottawa gas sales station in Gloucester, Ontario to the CP Forest Products newsprint mill in Gatineau, Quebec. The pipeline is intended to provide service to a cogeneration facility proposed to be constructed on the CP Forest Products site for an in-service date of August 1995.

The company's estimated cost of the new facilities is \$8.4 million.

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NEB SEEKING INPUT ON STREAMLINING SECTION 58 PIPELINE APPLICATIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board is seeking industry and public input into streamlining its section 58 pipeline application process for routine facilities. Section 58 applications, under the *National Energy Board Act*, are for pipeline projects that do not involve new pipelines greater than 40 kilometres in length, and may be considered by the Board without a public hearing.

Several concerns about the administrative burden in the regulation of capital additions and associated expenses have been expressed to the Board over the past year. The Board is of the view that there is room for streamlining and enhanced effectiveness of its section 58 process by eliminating the requirement for pre-approval of routine items and enabling one time approvals for multi-year programs.

In order to achieve meaningful improvements in the treatment of projects which fall under section 58 of the Act, the Board is seeking input on various aspects of the process. Parties wishing to participate in this process are invited to notify the Board of their intention to do so. Submissions are due 2 February 1994.

Following consideration of the parties' submissions, the Board will determine how best to proceed. It is the Board's hope this process will lead to:

- reduced burden on applicants and intervenors;
- increased efficiency in the use of the Board's and other parties' resources; and
- increased effectiveness of cost review;

while ensuring the safe, environmentally sound operation of the affected pipelines and the most cost-effective behaviour of pipeline companies.

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22 December 1993

NEB RELEASES TWO NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has released two Natural Gas Market Assessment reports entitled "*Natural Gas Supply - Western Canada: Recent Developments (1982-1992), Short-term Deliverability Outlook (1993-1996)*" ("Supply NGMA") and "*Canadian Natural Gas Market Mechanisms: Recent Experiences and Developments*" ("Market Mechanisms NGMA"). The Supply NGMA provides a summary of recent developments in Canadian gas supply and reports on the result of the Board's analysis of short-term gas deliverability for the years 1993 to 1996. The Market Mechanisms NGMA examines gas market mechanisms and changes in these which have resulted, in part, from the closer balance between gas supply and demand during the recent past. It also provides an analysis of how challenges in managing supply may be handled during future peak demand periods.

In the Supply NGMA, the Board found that the excess productive capacity that has characterized the market in recent years has diminished substantially. Looking ahead, the analysis suggests that peak day productive capacity from the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin is likely to increase from about 16 Bcf/d in 1992 to 20 Bcf/d in 1996, based on estimated increases in exploration and development drilling activity and planned increases in deliverability from upstream gas storage reservoirs. Pipeline capacity is expected to increase by almost 4 Bcf/d over the same period. Consequently, it is likely that sufficient pipeline capacity will be available to transport the increased volumes of gas.

The Market Mechanisms NGMA found that, as the industry moves towards an era of "just in time gas" where gas deliverability is in close balance with demand, it is necessary to improve communications between market participants as well as anticipate and prepare for sudden and sometimes unexpected changes in supply and demand. The report concludes that there is a growing range of products and services available to buyers and sellers of Western Canadian natural gas that will enable them to manage their gas supplies in an efficient and reliable manner, even during periods of peak demand.

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These services include:

- upstream and downstream storage capacity;
- pre-arranged backstopping agreements;
- standardized gas contracts;
- electronic trading and bulletin boards;
- indexed prices and price risk management tools; and
- short-term spot markets and contracts (eg. 24-hour contracts, transfers).

How buyers and sellers manage their own gas supplies will depend on the parties' individual circumstances and requirements as well as their willingness to absorb the costs and risks involved. Nevertheless, there are adequate means available to all participants to ensure the continued reliability of Western Canadian gas supplies despite the increase in demand and the elimination of large volumes of excess capacity.

The Board's objective in publishing NGMA reports is to provide information about changes in market conditions and overall natural gas supply and demand.

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NEB SETS DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ANG EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application from Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG) of Calgary for a further expansion of its pipeline system in southeastern British Columbia.

The public hearing will begin on Monday, 21 March 1994 at 9 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, located at 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Any person wishing to intervene should file their intervention by 7 January 1994 and their written evidence by 21 February 1994.

The expansion involves additions and modifications to two of ANG's three existing compressor stations, located near Elko and Moyie (including a new compressor unit at each site). The estimated cost of the project is estimated to be nearly \$52 million.

The expansion would provide about 1.14 million cubic metres (40.4 million cubic feet) per day of winter-only service for one domestic shipper (BC Gas Utility Ltd.) and up to 9.11 million cubic metres (321.7 million cubic feet) per day of annual capacity for ten export shippers, commencing November 1994. The export portion of the project is intended to serve two market regions, the Pacific Northwest (the States of Idaho, Oregon and Washington) and northeastern California/northwestern Nevada.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES TOLLS DECISION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a request from Foothills Pipe Lines Limited (Foothills) of Calgary to review its 25 November 1993 decision on tolls to be charged by the company.

In its decision, the Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.5 per cent. The company had applied for 13 per cent, but reduced its request to its previously approved rate of 12.5 per cent at the beginning of a public hearing. The Board also approved a common equity ratio for Foothills of 28 per cent. The company had applied for a common equity ratio of 35 per cent and had been operating since its inception in 1981 with an actual common equity component of 25 per cent, plus or minus five per cent.

Foothills' application for review refers to certain aspects of the Board's decision related to the company's business risks and common equity ratio.

In response to the application for a review of the decision, the Board has directed that all interested parties in the RH-1-93 proceeding have until 10 February 1994 to file a submission to the Board. The Board will then announce its decision on whether to conduct or deny the review.

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NEB RECEIVES TOLL APPLICATION FROM TRANS-NORTHERN PIPELINES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. of Toronto requesting approval of a 0.7 percent decrease in its currently posted tolls from 1 January 1994 onwards.

The tolls in the current application are designed to recover a total cost of service of \$28 976 000 including a rate of return on rate base of 11.24 percent.

In a separate application before the Board, the Company has requested a downward adjustment in its 1993 tolls to reflect higher throughputs in the last half of 1993. The Company's tolls were made interim in September 1993 in response to the need to adjust 1993 tolls downwards.

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NEB APPROVES IPL FACILITIES EXPANSION IN WESTERN CANADA

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved plans by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton, Alberta to construct \$256 million worth of new pipeline facilities during 1994. This decision, which is subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, follows a public hearing held in Calgary in November, 1993.

As a result, IPL will be able to construct approximately 491 kilometres (304 miles) of 508 millimetre (20 inch) diameter pipeline in or adjacent to the existing IPL right-of-way from Hardisty, Alberta to Regina, Saskatchewan and reactivate a currently idle pipeline between Regina and Cromer, Manitoba which will tie into an existing pipeline from Cromer to Gretna. The company will also add new pumping units or modify existing units to service the expanded system, add one 23 850 cubic metre (150 000 barrel) tank at Edmonton, another tank of the same size at Cromer and two 31 800 cubic metre (200 000 barrel) tanks at Hardisty.

The Board found that the supply of liquid hydrocarbons available to IPL will exceed available capacity through to the year 2001, and that markets served by IPL can absorb additional volumes up to the levels of available supply. The Board also found that, under oil price assumptions provided by the applicant, the likely benefits of the expanded facilities would include: production of crude oil that would otherwise be shut-in due to pipeline capacity constraints; an improvement in the competitive position of Canadian crude oil deliveries in the PADD II market (U.S. midwest); and a reduction in the volumes of western Canadian crude oil which are currently sold in less attractive markets. The expansion facilities are scheduled to be in service by December 1994.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB WILL COMMENCE A PUBLIC HEARING ON TCPL 1994 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will commence a public hearing on an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for tolls the company may charge effective 1 January 1994 for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The hearing begins on Monday, 7 February 1994, at 1 p.m. local time in the North Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel, 100 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario. It will continue until 25 February and, if necessary, the hearing will reconvene on Monday, 7 March at 1:00 p.m. local time in the Board's hearing room in Calgary, Alberta.

The application will be heard by the following Board Members: Jean Guy Fredette (Presiding Member), Céline Bélanger and Roy Illing.

The tolls requested by TransCanada for the Eastern Zone average 2.1 percent higher than tolls in effect during 1993.

TransCanada has also requested a 6.7 percent increase in its revenue requirement, to \$1,636.5 million from \$1,533.9 million and a rate of return on common equity of 12.50 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent. This compares to a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent that the Board approved for TransCanada for 1993.

TransCanada owns and operates a large diameter natural gas pipeline system extending from Alberta to Quebec.

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NEB APPROVES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE COMPANY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced its decision setting new tolls to be charged for 1993 and 1994 by Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. of Vancouver, for the transportation of oil on the company's pipeline system. The company has been operating on interim tolls since 1 January 1993.

In its decision, the Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.5 per cent for 1993 and 11.25 per cent for 1994, while maintaining a deemed common equity ratio of 47.5 per cent. The 1992 rate of return on common equity was 12.5 per cent.

The Decision follows a public hearing held from 29 November to 16 December 1993 in Vancouver and Calgary.

As a result of a request by Trans Mountain, the Board released its decision on tolls in advance of its Reasons for Decision.

The Board expects to release the Reasons for Decision in March.

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NEB APPROVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES AND APPLICATIONS TO AMEND EXISTING NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved applications from three companies for 14 licences to export natural gas and for amendments to two existing natural gas export licences. The Board deferred its decision on applications from two companies for new export licences.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held on 31 January 1994 in Calgary. The Board will issue its Reasons for Decision at a later date.

The applications approved are described below.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. will be issued a 15-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York.

The Board approved three applications from **ProGas Limited** to amend two existing natural gas export licences and for the issuance of eight new natural gas export licences.

The first **ProGas** application approved is for six licences, for terms of seven and ten years, to export some 1 681 500 cubic metres (59.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The licences will be for the export of natural gas to Michigan Gas Utilities, Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company, Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, six local distribution companies in the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. The Board also approved an amendment to an existing licence by reducing the authorized export volumes.

The second **ProGas** application approved will extend the term of an existing licence by seven years and to increase the total quantity of natural gas that may be exported during the term of the licence from 13.8 billion cubic metres (487.3 billion cubic feet) to 19 billion cubic metres (671.2 billion cubic feet). Under that licence, ProGas exports natural gas to Northeast Energy Associates and North Jersey Energy Associates. The natural gas is used to fuel two cogeneration plants in Bellingham, Massachusetts and Sayreville, New Jersey.



The third **ProGas** application approved is for two licences, with terms of four and nine years, to export a total of 413 800 cubic metres (14.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The licences are for the export of natural gas to the Wisconsin Gas Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, two local distribution companies located in the state of Wisconsin. The Board also approved an amendment to an existing licence by reducing the authorized export volumes.

Western Gas Marketing Limited will be issued five licences to export a total of 4.5 million cubic metres (159.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas will be exported to Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company, five local distribution companies located in the state of Wisconsin.

The applications for which the Board deferred its decision are described below.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. applied for a 15-year licence to export some 398 000 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas would be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

Shell Canada Limited applied for a 15-year licence to export some 609 000 cubic metres (21.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas would be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

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NEB RECEIVES AN APPLICATION FROM WESTCOAST TO CONSTRUCT A FUEL GAS PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver to construct a fuel gas pipeline, known as the "Sukunka Fuel Gas Pipeline", in northern British Columbia.

Westcoast is proposing to construct approximately 51 kilometres (32 miles) of pipeline to transport sweet fuel gas from Westcoast's Pine River Gas Plant to natural gas production facilities in the Sukunka and West Sukunka area. The prospective shippers on the new pipeline are Talisman Energy Inc., Amoco Canada Petroleum Company, Ocelot Energy Inc. and Shell Canada Limited. The use of residue gas as fuel at the production facilities will reduce the emission of sulphur dioxide at these and any future facilities.

Westcoast also applied for approval of the tolls and tariffs associated with service through those proposed pipeline facilities.

The Company's estimated cost of the facilities is \$8.1 million.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A FUEL GAS PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver to construct a fuel gas pipeline, known as the "Sukunka Fuel Gas Pipeline", in northern British Columbia.

The hearing will be held at the Pioneer Inn, 9830 - 100th Avenue, Fort St. John, British Columbia, beginning 20 April, 1994 at 9 a.m.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 21 March, 1994.

Westcoast is proposing to construct approximately 51 kilometres (32 miles) of pipeline to transport sweet fuel gas from Westcoast's Pine River Gas Plant to natural gas production facilities in the Sukunka and West Sukunka areas. The prospective shippers on the new pipeline are Talisman Energy Inc., Amoco Canada Petroleum Company, Ocelot Energy Inc. and Shell Canada Limited. The use of residue gas as fuel at the production facilities will reduce the emission of sulphur dioxide at these and any future facilities.

Westcoast also applied for approval of the tolls and tariffs associated with service through the proposed pipeline facilities.

The company's estimated cost of the facilities is \$8.1 million.

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MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURING ANNOUNCED BY THE NEB

CALGARY - The National Energy Board today announced a management restructuring which effectively eliminates a layer at the senior management level and reduces the number of branch directors. Four director general positions have been abolished, and the number of branch directors have been reduced from seventeen to ten. The changes were made possible in part by combining some functional areas.

Streamlining of the management structure follows other initiatives taken by the Board to reduce costs and improve service to the public. In 1984, the NEB and the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration, which merged with the NEB in 1991, had approximately 550 employees; today the comparable number is 300. Operating expenditures in constant 1993 dollar terms have declined by approximately 40 percent from \$54 million in 1984-85 to \$30 million in 1993-94.

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NEB AND ERCB SIGN AGREEMENT ON COMMON RESERVES DATA BASE

FOR RELEASE AT 9:00 A.M. 9 MARCH 1994

CALGARY (9 MARCH)... The Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) and the National Energy Board (NEB) today took a major step towards improving cooperation and collaboration between the two regulatory Boards.

ERCB Co-chairmen Frank Mink and Dr. Phil Prince and NEB Chairman Roland Priddle signed an agreement to share geological and reservoir information for natural gas and crude oil pools. This sharing of information will result in a **Common Reserves Data Base** for Alberta.

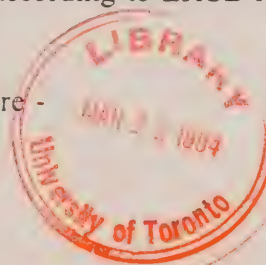
The agreement provides for joint reserves studies, sharing and joint development of software and the establishment of a **Joint Reserves Steering Group**. Consideration will also be given to:

- expanding the data base to include natural gas liquids,
- examining the feasibility of modifying the database to reflect corporate supply in the system and,
- examining the impacts of new reserves definitions recently released by the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

The Joint Reserves Steering Group will be comprised of a maximum of three appointees from each Board. Initially the group's mandate is to resolve difference in the estimation of reserves and prepare a set of common reserves data bases summaries. In the longer term, this group will focus on developing more efficient methods of maintaining the data and estimates of reserves and determining priorities for joint studies.

As in the case now, the data base and geological maps will be maintained by the ERCB. Information that is now defined as confidential according to ERCB regulation will remain confidential.

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This joint agreement stems from the March 1993 Canada-Alberta Economic Summit which directed the ERCB and NEB to improve coordination and from a 1990 protocol signed by the Chairmen of both Boards aimed at increased cooperation.

Dr. Phil Prince commented, "Today's signing marks the conclusion of a very significant cooperative effort and the beneficiaries will be the oil and gas industry and taxpaying public." Frank Mink added, "We certainly acknowledge the efforts of the staff of both the NEB and ERCB in bringing that cooperative effort to a successful conclusion."

Roland Priddle also commented saying, "I believe this initiative will set the tone for other cooperative efforts between our respective boards and between the NEB and other provincial governments."

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NEB POSTPONES DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ANG EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided to postpone the public hearing that was scheduled to begin 21 March 1994 on an application by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG) of Calgary for a further expansion of its pipeline system in southeastern British Columbia.

The postponement had been requested in light of continuing efforts aimed at realigning capacity on the ANG system. A new hearing date, anticipated to be in early May 1994, will be announced later.

The expansion involves additions and modifications to two of ANG's three existing compressor stations, located near Elko and Moyie (including a new compressor unit at each site). The cost of the project is estimated by the company to be nearly \$52 million.

The expansion would provide about 1.14 million cubic metres (40.4 million cubic feet) per day of winter-only service for one domestic shipper (BC Gas Utility Ltd.) and up to 9.11 million cubic metres (321.7 million cubic feet) per day of annual capacity for 10 export shippers, commencing November 1995. The export portion of the project is intended to serve two market regions, the Pacific Northwest (the States of Idaho, Oregon and Washington) and northeastern California/northwestern Nevada.

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NEB Issues Reasons for Decision on Applications for Natural Gas Export Licences, Announces a Review of its Decision and Seeks Submissions with Respect to its Obligations Under the *Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order* and the *National Energy Board Act*.

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued its Reasons for Decision on applications from five companies for 16 licences to export natural gas and for amendments to two existing natural gas export licences. On 31 January 1994, the Board approved applications from three companies and deferred consideration of applications from two companies. The remaining applications were subsequently approved by the Board. These Reasons for Decision, which deal with all the applications considered at the public hearing held on 31 January 1994 in Calgary, were signed on 16 February 1994. The licences and amendments to the existing licences are subject to Governor in Council approval.

On 7 March 1994, the Board received an application from the Rocky Mountain Ecosystem Coalition (RMEC) requesting that the Board review its decisions taken in hearing GH-5-93. RMEC submitted that the judgement of the Supreme Court of Canada rendered 24 February 1994 in the case of *The Grand Council of the Crees (of Quebec) et al v. Attorney General of Canada et al*, constitutes a change in circumstance which warrants a review of the decisions.

The Board has considered REMC's application and has determined that it raises a question as to the correctness of the Board's decisions, insofar as they relate to the scope of the assessments of the potential environmental effects and directly related social effects of the exports. Therefore, the Board has decided to conduct a written review of its decisions. In this review, parties are asked to make submissions on the correctness of the decisions and, if they are incorrect, submissions on the information that would allow the Board to meet its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order* and the *National Energy Board Act*.

Any person who was not an intervenor in the GH-5-93 hearing may file with the Secretary of the Board a request to be included as an intervenor in the review.

The applications approved in these Reasons for Decision are described below.

An application from **Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P.** for a 15-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York.



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In the case of an application from **Shell Canada Limited** for a 15-year licence to export some 609 000 cubic metres (21.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia, the Board decided to reduce the applied-for term volume by one-third because it was not satisfied with the adequacy of Shell's gas supply. The natural gas will be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY LTD TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided to hold a public hearing on the tolls to be charged by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG) of Calgary, effective 1 November 1993. The company has been operating on interim tolls since that time.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m., 13 June 1994 in the Board's hearing room, 311 - Sixth Ave. S.W., Calgary.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 31 March 1994.

The Board decided to hold a public hearing following a complaint that negotiations to resolve cost of capital related issues had broken off between ANG and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission. All three parties requested the Board to hold the hearing.

ANG owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from an interconnection with the NOVA Corporation pipeline near Crowsnest, Alberta to an interconnection with the Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) system at the international boundary near Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB RECEIVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1995/96 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary, for permission to construct new pipeline and compression facilities on its mainline transmission system in Ontario and Quebec.

TransCanada is applying for permission to construct approximately 27.9 kilometres of pipeline and to add 42.3 megawatts of new compression. The facilities applied for would be used to provide 1.048 million cubic metres (37 million cubic feet) per day of long haul firm service gas deliveries (53 per cent) for customers in Canada and to provide 918 thousand cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) per day (47 per cent) of service to export customers. The proposed new facilities would also provide 567 thousand cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day of new storage transportation service to Phillipsburg, Quebec. TransCanada estimates the cost of the construction and new compression facilities at \$120.1 million. If approved by the Board, TransCanada plans to begin construction in 1995 and the new facilities would come into service by 1 November 1995.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB TO HOLD HEARING ON PIPELINE COST OF CAPITAL MATTERS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced it will hold a public multi-pipeline hearing on the cost of capital for Group One pipeline companies under its jurisdiction, with the exception of Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd. and Cochin Pipe Lines Ltd., which are regulated differently because of their relatively small size. Group One companies include the five largest gas pipelines and the five largest oil and products pipelines, and are listed below.

This is the first time the Board has considered the cost of capital (rate of return on common equity and capital structure) for all Group One pipeline companies in a single hearing.

The Board would like to avoid annual hearings on the cost of capital for the major Group One pipeline companies. It is the Board's intention to set the cost of capital for multi-year periods with provisions for a predetermined adjustment mechanism to the rate of return on common equity component.

The public hearing will begin 12 September 1994 in the Board's hearing room in Calgary. Pipeline companies and intervenors wishing to comment on the list of issues to be addressed at the hearing must file their submissions with the Board by 11 April 1994. A pre-hearing conference to address procedural matters associated with these proceedings will be held 17 May 1994 in the Board's hearing room.

This hearing will be restricted to cost of capital matters. Matters other than these issues which are normally raised by virtue of the Board's mandate will be addressed in the pipeline companies' individual toll proceedings.

Pipeline companies which present an acceptable uncontested settlement to the Board two weeks prior to the beginning of the September hearing, on either their capital structure or their rate of return on equity, will be exempted from having to deal with either of these matters in this proceeding. Pipeline companies which have been exempted by virtue of a settlement can still participate as interested parties.

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Group 1 Gas pipeline companies are:

Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd
Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.
TransCanada PipeLines Limited
Trans Quebec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc.
Westcoast Energy Inc.

Group 1 Oil and Products pipeline companies are:

Cochin Pipe Lines Ltd.
Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.
Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd.
Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.
Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.

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NEB ANNOUNCES DECISION ON WESTCOAST ENERGY 1994 TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced its decision setting new tolls to be charged effective 1 January 1994 by Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver for transportation of natural gas on the company's pipeline system.

The Board estimated that final tolls for 1994 will be approximately 4.5 per cent lower than the 1993 tolls. Westcoast had requested an overall toll decrease of one per cent over tolls approved for 1993. The Board also estimated that the approved revenue requirement for 1994 will be approximately \$368 million, or approximately \$13 million less than the applied-for amount of \$381 million. Westcoast has been directed to file final tolls with the Board, reflecting this decision.

The Board also approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.5 per cent, and decided that Westcoast's deemed common equity ratio will remain at 35 per cent.

The Board decided to approve a global amount of operating and maintenance expenses instead of focusing on specific items, leaving Westcoast the flexibility to decide where the funds should be expended. For 1994, the Board approved global operating and maintenance expenses of \$126 million, or \$1.1 million less than the applied-for amount of \$127.1 million.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received five applications for licences to export natural gas. The applications are described below.

CanStates Gas Marketing applied for two 15-year licences to export a total of 1.2 million cubic metres (42.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Chevron Canada Resources applied for a 15-year licence to export some 585 800 cubic metres (20.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for a 9-year licence to export some 140 000 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to AmGas Inc, a natural gas marketing company located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for two 10-year licences to export a total of 208 000 cubic metres (7.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be sold to Bay State Gas Company, the largest independent gas distributor in New England, and Northern Utilities, Inc, a local distribution company serving communities in New Hampshire and Maine.

Western Gas Marketing Limited applied for a 9-year licence to export some 205 000 cubic metres (7.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas will be sold to Michigan Gas Utilities, a local distribution company in the State of Michigan.

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APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES**

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
CanStates/ Hermiston	771.2 (27.2)	281.5 (9.9)	4 222.4 (149.1)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
CanStates/ Hermiston	420.7 (14.9)	153.5 (5.4)	2 303.2 (81.0)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
Chevron/ Hermiston	585.8 (20.7)	214.4 (7.6)	3 210.0 (113.3)	Later of 1 July 1996 or the date of first deliveries for 15 years
Renaissance/ AmGas	140.0 (4.9)	51.1 (1.8)	511.0 (18.0)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Renaissance/ Bay State	180.0 (6.4)	66.0 (2.3)	660.0 (23.3)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
Renaissance/ Northern Utilities	28.0 (1.0)	10.1 (0.4)	101.0 (3.6)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
WGML/ Michigan Gas	205.0 (7.2)	75.0 (2.6)	750.0 (26.5)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Measurements:	10 ³ m ³ : 10 ⁶ m ³ : MMcf: Bcf:	Thousand cubic metres Million cubic metres Million cubic feet Billion cubic feet		

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NEB APPROVES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS-NORTHERN PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved new tolls to be charged by Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (Trans-Northern), of Toronto, effective 1 January 1994. The company has been operating since then on interim tolls authorized by the Board.

Trans-Northern applied on 21 December 1993 for new tolls that were designed to recover a total cost of service of \$29 million, which after revisions included a rate of return on rate base of 10.74 per cent.

In its decision the Board approved a 1994 cost of service for the company of \$28 million, being 4.4 per cent below the applied-for rate of \$29 million. The Board also reduced the company's applied-for average rate base to \$43.7 million from \$44.1 million.

Trans-Northern operates an oil products pipeline between Nanitoke, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec.

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NEB SEEKS INPUT ON REVISED NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC, TOLLS AND TARIFFS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued draft revised guidelines on negotiated settlements regarding traffic, tolls and tariffs for the Group 1 pipeline companies regulated by the Board. Group 1 companies include the five largest oil and products pipelines and the five largest natural gas pipelines.

In recent years, a number of Group 1 pipeline companies have established task forces on tolls, tariff matters and operational matters. These task forces provide a forum for the pipeline companies, producers, shippers, consumers, governments and other interested parties to exchange information, discuss issues, negotiate and ultimately settle issues before the formal hearing process is initiated before the Board.

The Board sees such negotiated settlements as a means whereby pipeline companies and interested parties can choose to resolve issues and agree on the resulting tolls and tariffs without recourse to the hearing process. During the Incentive Regulation Workshop which was held by the Board in January 1993, there was extensive discussion on the merits of negotiated settlements as an approach to streamlining the regulatory process. The current guidelines which set out the Board's views and requirements with respect to negotiated settlements were published in September 1988. In the Board's view, it is time to update these guidelines.

Parties wishing to comment on the draft revised guidelines are asked to file a letter of intent with the Board by 4 May 1994.

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NEB APPROVES TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (Trans Mountain), of Vancouver for expansion of its oil pipeline facilities. The company will be expanding its pipeline system through Alberta, British Columbia and Washington State.

The decision is the result of a hearing conducted by means of written submissions.

Trans Mountain's project includes the reactivation of an 81 kilometre (50 miles) pipeline loop between Edson, Alberta and Hinton, Alberta, the construction of a new pump station at Kingsvale, British Columbia, the installation of a domed roof on an existing tank at the company's Sumas, British Columbia tank farm and modifications at the 10 existing pump stations. The expansion will permit Trans Mountain to ship an additional 6 000 cubic metres (38 000 barrels) per day of product through its pipeline system. The system's current capacity is approximately 36 000 cubic metres (230 000 barrels) per day.

Trans Mountain estimates that the project will cost \$27.5 million.

Trans Mountain owns and operates a pipeline for the transportation of oil from points in Alberta and British Columbia to points of delivery mainly at refineries and marketing terminals in the Vancouver area. The pipeline is utilized for regular deliveries of partially refined petroleum from Edmonton, Alberta to Burnaby, British Columbia and refined petroleum from Edmonton to Kamloops, British Columbia and Burnaby. It also connects at the international boundary with a pipeline system capable of delivering Canadian petroleum to four refineries located in the State of Washington.

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NEB SEEKS INPUT ON NEW GUIDELINES FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, as part of its changes to the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, is removing the filing requirements from the rules and has decided to issue them separately as guidelines. This will allow greater flexibility to the Board to reflect policy and other changes in filing requirements. It also reflects recommendations made by the Minister's Advisory Panel on Regulatory Review (the DeSorcy Report) that guidelines be considered instead of regulations, while still achieving the desired objectives.

The Board has prepared a draft version of the new *Guidelines for Filing Requirements* which is now being mailed to interested persons and is available at the Board's office.

The filing requirements contained in the 1987 draft rules have been amended and updated to reflect current policy. As well, certain other filing requirements, previously contained in other documents have been included. Specifically, the filing requirement from the Early Public Notification Memorandum of Guidance, from the Guidelines for the Preparation of Regional Socio-Economic Impact Assessments, for leave to open from the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations* and filing requirements for orders from the Memorandum of Guidance for Short-term Gas Export Orders and Long-term Gas Export Licences have been included.

Parties wishing to comment on the proposed changes are requested to do so by 9 June 1994.

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NEB DENIES INTERCOASTAL PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has denied applications by InterCoastal Pipe Line Inc. (InterCoastal) and Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL), both of Edmonton, Alberta, which would have permitted InterCoastal to own and operate a natural gas pipeline in Southern Ontario.

InterCoastal applied for leave to purchase IPL's existing Line 8 including the transfer to InterCoastal of the related Certificates and Orders; to convert the existing Line 8 from crude oil to natural gas; and for the authorization to construct additional facilities. InterCoastal also applied for approval of its tariff for transportation service, toll design and cost allocation methodologies and InterCoastal's interim tolls. IPL applied for authorization to abandon the operation of Line 8 as a crude oil pipeline and for leave to sell the facilities to InterCoastal.

InterCoastal is jointly owned by IPL and ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) of Detroit, Michigan. The InterCoastal pipeline is part of a proposal larger international natural gas pipeline system that would also include natural gas facilities in the United States to be owned and constructed by ANR.

The Board said in its Decision that major and difficult issues in the hearing involved safety and the criteria the Board should use to assess the safety of the conversion of Line 8 to high pressure gas service. While the Board was satisfied with many aspects of the InterCoastal proposal, the Board had reservations about several features of the detailed design. These include the integrity of the existing pipe, localised depth of cover problems, minimum design temperature, hazard assessment and setback requirements.

The Board was generally satisfied with InterCoastal's proposal for the construction of new segments of pipe, with one notable exception. The exception was in respect of InterCoastal's route selection process insofar as it concerned the routing of the St. Clair to Sarnia segment along Moore Road 8 in the Township of Moore.

The Board also said that it had not taken lightly the commercial benefits foregone as a result of its decision. However, the Board has a responsibility which is primary, and that is to satisfy itself that the safety of the public is ensured.

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The system would have had the capacity to transport up to 3.8 million cubic metres (133 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas to markets in eastern Canada and the northeast United States for the period 1 November 1994 to 31 October 1996, and up to five million cubic metres (175 million cubic feet) per day thereafter. The project was to be in service by 1 November 1994.

InterCoastal proposed converting 209.7 kilometres (130.3 miles) of existing crude oil pipeline currently owned by IPL to natural gas service. The existing pipeline extends from IPL's Sarnia, Ontario terminal to Millgrove Junction in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth. InterCoastal proposed to construct new facilities which included 19.7 kilometres (12.2 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe and related facilities extending from a point of connection with the ANR system at the international border under the St. Clair River to a point of connection with the existing system at IPL's Sarnia Terminal. Also included in the Sarnia area was a 1.9 kilometre (1.2 mile) 610 millimetre (24 inch) lateral extending from a point approximately 7.4 kilometres (4.6 miles) from the St. Clair interconnection to a point of connection with the gas storage facilities of Tecumseh Gas Storage, a division of The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. From Millgrove Junction, approximately 22.4 kilometres (13.9 miles) of 508 millimetre (20 inch) pipeline would be constructed to interconnect with the Consumers' Gas distribution system near Oakville.

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NEB DENIES FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has denied a request from Foothills Pipe Lines Limited (Foothills) of Calgary to review its 25 November 1993 decision on tolls to be charged by the company.

In denying the request, the Board said Foothills had not succeeded in providing information sufficient to warrant a review of Decision RH-1-93 and its companion order in the circumstances of this case.

In its November 1993 decision, the Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.5 per cent. The company had applied for 13 per cent, but reduced its request to its previously approved rate of 12.5 per cent at the beginning of the public hearing. The Board also approved a common equity ratio for Foothills of 28 per cent. The company had applied for a common equity ratio of 35 per cent and had been operating since its inception in 1981 with an actual common equity component of 25 per cent, plus or minus five per cent.

Foothills applied for a review, referring to certain aspects of the Board's decision related to the company's business risks and common equity ratio.

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ALBERTA NATURAL GAS WITHDRAWS APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG), of Calgary, has withdrawn an application before the National Energy Board for a further expansion of its pipeline system in southeastern British Columbia.

The Board therefore has cancelled a public hearing which had been set for Monday, 2 May, to hear the application.

In withdrawing, the company said that "sufficient arrangements have been made which obviate the need for any new ANG facilities to accommodate the company's contracted requirements of the 1995 expansion shippers."

The expansion service which had been proposed was designed to increase capacity for both domestic markets in British Columbia and export markets to the western United States.

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NEB SETS HEARING DATE FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1995/1996 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary, for permission to construct new pipeline and compression facilities on its mainline system in Ontario and Quebec.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m., 5 July 1994 in the Board's hearing room, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 24 May 1994.

TransCanada is applying for permission to construct approximately 27.9 kilometres (17.3 miles) of pipeline and to add 42.3 megawatts of new compression. The facilities applied for would be used to provide 1.048 million cubic metres (37 million cubic feet) per day of long haul firm service gas deliveries (53 per cent) for customers in Canada and to provide 918 thousand cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) per day (47 per cent) of service to export customers. The proposed new facilities would also provide 567 thousand cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day of new storage transportation service to Phillipsburg, Quebec. TransCanada estimates the cost of the construction and new compression facilities at \$120.1 million. If approved by the Board, TransCanada plans to begin construction in 1995 and the new facilities would come into service by 1 November 1995.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ONSHORE PIPELINE REGULATIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board is seeking input into proposed amendments to the Board's *Onshore Pipeline Regulations*. The request for input is contained in a letter sent today to pipeline companies under NEB jurisdiction and other interested parties, such as other government agencies.

The regulations specify the requirements for protection of property, the environment, and safety of the public and company employees in the design, construction, operation, maintenance and abandonment of an onshore pipeline. The current regulations have been in effect since June, 1989.

The Board is proposing the amendments to reflect changing pipeline safety and environmental issues, arising from pipeline incidents, revised CSA standards, regulatory enforcement responsibilities and general experience working with the regulations.

The Board is conducting this consultation process to seek input from parties which have an interest in the design, construction, operation, maintenance and abandonment of onshore pipelines.

Parties wishing to comment are asked to do so by 6 July 1994.

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NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing five applications for seven licences to export natural gas.

The hearing will commence on Tuesday, 26 July 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

On 15 March 1994, the Board announced that it would conduct a review of its GH-5-93 decisions (the Review) insofar as they relate to the scope of the assessments of the potential environmental effects and directly related social effects of the exports. Prior to that date, on 17 February 1994, the Board had announced that it would convene a hearing to consider applications to export natural gas, and received several export applications in response to that announcement. The Board has decided to proceed with the processing of those applications. Upon the completion of the Review, the Board will advise on the extent to which this hearing may be affected by the decision in the Review.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are described below.

CanStates Gas Marketing applied for two 15-year licences to export a total of 1.3 million cubic metres (45 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Chevron Canada Resources applied for a 15-year licence to export some 585 800 cubic metres (20.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for a 9-year licence to export some 140 000 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to AmGas Inc., a natural gas marketing company located in Omaha, Nebraska.



Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for two 10-year licences to export a total of 208 000 cubic metres (7.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be sold to Bay State Gas Company, the largest independent gas distributor in New England, and Northern Utilities, Inc. a local distribution company serving communities in New Hampshire and Maine.

Western Gas Marketing Limited applied for a 9-year licence to export some 205 000 cubic metres (7.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas will be sold to Michigan Gas Utilities, a local distribution company in the State of Michigan.

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Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
CanStates/ Hermiston	841.4 (29.7)	307.1 (10.8)	4 606.9 (162.6)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
CanStates/ Hermiston	420.7 (14.9)	153.5 (5.4)	2 303.2 (81.0)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
Chevron/ Hermiston	585.8 (20.7)	214.4 (7.6)	3 210.0 (113.3)	Later of 1 July 1996 or the date of first deliveries for 15 years
Renaissance/ AmGas	140.0 (4.9)	51.1 (1.8)	511.0 (18.0)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Renaissance/ Bay State	180.0 (6.4)	66.0 (2.3)	660.0 (23.3)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
Renaissance/ Northern Utilities	28.0 (1.0)	10.1 (0.4)	101.0 (3.6)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
WGML/ Michigan Gas	205.0 (7.2)	75.0 (2.6)	750.0 (26.5)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Measurements:	10 ³ m ³ : 10 ⁶ m ³ : MMcf: Bcf:	Thousand cubic metres Million cubic metres Million cubic feet Billion cubic feet		

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NEB APPROVES WESTCOAST APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A FUEL GAS PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver to construct a fuel gas pipeline, known as the Sukunka Fuel Gas Pipeline, in northern British Columbia.

The approval follows a public hearing held in Vancouver April 18 and 19, 1994.

Westcoast plans to construct approximately 51 kilometres (32 miles) of pipeline to transport sweet fuel gas from its Pine River Gas Plant to natural gas production facilities in the Sukunka and West Sukunka areas. The Company estimates the cost of the facilities to be \$8.15 million. The prospective shippers on the new pipeline are Talisman Energy Inc., Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd., Ocelot Energy Inc. and Shell Canada Limited. The use of residue gas as a fuel gas at the production facilities will reduce sulphur emissions from the Sukunka and West Sukunka facilities.

The Board also approved tolls and tariffs associated with Westcoast's service through the new pipeline facilities.

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NEB APPROVES NIAGARA GAS APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE CROSSING UNDER THE OTTAWA RIVER

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application dated 19 November 1993 by Niagara Gas Transmission Limited (Niagara Gas) to construct a natural gas transmission pipeline under the Ottawa River.

The pipeline construction will consist of approximately 10.5 kilometres (6.5 miles) of pipeline from an interconnection with the existing Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. Ottawa System pipeline in the City of Gloucester, Ontario, to a point of interconnection with a proposed new pipeline in the Gazifère Inc. distribution system in Gatineau, Quebec. The company plans to begin construction of the facilities this month in order to avoid gas delivery problems in the winter of 1994-1995.

The company estimates cost of the new facilities is \$11.2 million.

In granting approval for this construction, the Board conducted its own environmental screening of the project taking careful account of issues raised by potentially affected residents and mitigative measures proposed by the applicants. The results of the Board's screening are being released at the same time as the Order approving the facilities.

The Board notes that certain upstream facilities, once connected to the Niagara Gas line, could potentially be subject to federal jurisdiction and regulation by the Board. Therefore, the Board has decided to consider the question of its jurisdiction over these upstream facilities owned by the Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. through written submissions due by 10 June 1994.

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NEB RECEIVES REVISED 1995/1996 FACILITIES APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a revision from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for the company's 1995/1996 facilities construction application.

In addition to the facilities applied for in March 1994, the company is adding to its application 27.3 kilometres (16.8 miles) of pipeline in Ontario and Manitoba and a 28 megawatt compressor in Ontario. In March, TransCanada applied for permission to construct approximately 27.9 kilometres (17.3 miles) of pipeline and to add 42.3 megawatts of new compression. The cost of the proposed additions is estimated by the company to be \$189.3 million, up from the original \$120.1 million. If approved by the Board, TransCanada plans to begin construction in 1995 and the new facilities would come into service by 1 November 1995. The proposed new facilities, if approved by the Board, would permit TransCanada to meet requests for new long-haul firm services totalling 2.5 million cubic metres (88.8 million cubic feet) per day.

The Board will hold a public hearing into the application beginning at 9 a.m. (MT), 5 July 1994 in the Board's hearing room, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB CANCELS ALBERTA NATURAL GAS TOLLS PUBLIC HEARING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has cancelled a public hearing (RH-1-94) into tolls to be charged by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd (ANG) of Calgary, effective 1 November 1993. The company has been operating on interim tolls since that time. The hearing was to begin 13 June 1994.

The Board had decided on 15 March to hold a public hearing following a complaint that negotiations to resolve cost of capital related issues had broken off between ANG and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission. All three parties requested the Board to hold the hearing.

In the meantime a settlement has been reached between the parties, and the Board found that since there was no opposition and there was a lack of any other identifiable public interest consideration, the hearing would be cancelled. The settlement provides for a rate of return on common equity of 12 per cent on a deemed capital structure of 30 per cent equity and is effective for the period 1 November 1993 to 31 December 1994.

ANG owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from an interconnection with the NOVA Corporation pipeline near Crowsnest, Alberta, to an interconnection with the Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) system at the international boundary near Kingsgate, British Columbia.

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NEB SETS 1994 TOLLS FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a decision setting new tolls to be charged by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for transportation of natural gas to Canadian and United States markets, effective 1 July 1994.

In its decision, the Board approved a 1994 revenue requirement of \$1.6 billion, which is \$42 million less than the amount applied for by TransCanada. The main factors contributing to this reduction are: a lower approved rate of return on common equity (\$21.3 million); lower associated income taxes (\$17.4 million); and a reduction to Operation, Maintenance and Administration expenses of \$2.5 million.

The Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 11.25 per cent. TransCanada had applied for a rate of 12.37 per cent. The retention of a common equity ratio of 30 per cent was approved by the Board.

The decision results in a firm service toll to the Eastern Zone of the TransCanada system of 86.32 cents per gigajoule. This toll is 2.6 per cent lower than the applied for toll of 88.61 cents per gigajoule and 0.8 per cent less than the 1993 approved toll of 87.05 cents per gigajoule.

A public hearing, which lasted 20 days, was held in Ottawa in February 1994, and was completed in Calgary in March.

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NEB DECIDES ON ITS REVIEW OF GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board today announced its Decision on a review it conducted with respect to its Reasons for Decision in gas export hearing GH-5-93. On 16 February 1994, the Board rendered its Reasons for Decision approving applications from Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. ("BNYP"), Husky Oil Operations Ltd. ("Husky"), ProGas Limited ("ProGas"), Shell Canada Limited ("Shell") and Western Gas Marketing Limited ("WGML") for 16 natural gas export licences. ProGas also requested amendments to existing natural gas export licences. The proposed amendments were to increase the authorized export volumes and extend the term of one licence, and to reduce the authorized export volumes of another licence.

On 7 March 1994, the Board received an application from the Rocky Mountain Ecosystem Coalition ("RMEC") requesting that the Board review its decisions taken in hearing GH-5-93. RMEC submitted that the judgement of the Supreme Court of Canada rendered 24 February 1994 in the case of *The Grand Council of the Crees (of Quebec) et al v. Attorney General of Canada et al*, constituted a change in circumstance which warranted a review of the decisions.

The Board considered RMEC's application and determined that it raised a question as to the correctness of the Board's decisions, insofar as they relate to the scope of the assessments of the potential environmental effects and directly related social effects of the exports. Therefore, the Board decided to conduct a written review of its decisions. In this review, parties were asked to make submissions on the correctness of the decisions and, if they were incorrect, submissions on the information that would allow the Board to meet its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order* ("EARP Guidelines Order") and the *National Energy Board Act* ("the Act").

The Board has decided the following:

The decisions made by the Board in respect of the scope of its obligations under the EARP Guidelines Order and the Act to consider the environmental effects and directly related social effects of the proposals should be altered as a result of the judgement of the Supreme Court, as a change of circumstance had arisen since the date of the original decision. The Board concluded that it has jurisdiction to consider the environmental effects and directly related social effects of upstream facilities and activities but only where, in specific applications, there is the necessary connection between those upstream matters and the proposal to export gas. Such an application is before the Board in this instance, namely that of Shell, because it is possible that new facilities or activities could be developed or undertaken to meet the requirements of Shell's export licence. Therefore, the Board decided that a condition will be appended to the Shell licence requiring Shell to file with the Board, prior to construction, sufficient information about the environmental effects on areas of federal jurisdiction and the directly-related social effects of new identifiable upstream production and related



facilities or activities for the Board to reach a finding under section 12 of the EARP Guidelines Order concerning the presence of any adverse environmental effects of the facility or activity.

The 6 February 1994 decisions of the Board in relation to the applications of BNYP, ProGas and WGML are upheld, as originally approved by the Board.

The 6 February 1994 decision of the Board in relation to the Husky application is vacated and the application will be held in abeyance pending the receipt of information from Husky sufficient for the Board to determine if there will be any new upstream facilities that will be constructed or activities that will be undertaken to meet the requirements of its export proposal. Should there be facilities or activities which are determined to be subject to assessment, Husky will be required to provide sufficient information about the environmental effects on federal areas of jurisdiction and the directly-related social effects of those facilities or activities to enable the Board to reach a determination under section 12 of the EARP Guidelines Order.

The Board has also found that, in cases where a necessary connection and proximity exists between the export proposal and new identifiable upstream facilities or activities, the Board will require an applicant to file sufficient information about the environmental effects of the upstream facilities or activities on federal areas of jurisdiction and their directly related social effects to enable the Board to reach a determination under section 12 of the EARP Guidelines Order.

Other than the information required above, in all future cases the Board will require applicants to file evidence to enable the Board to decide the scope of its assessment of an export proposal under the EARP Guidelines Order, having regard to the Board's decisions in these applications. Applicants shall do so by documenting the nature of the connection between the requirements of the export proposal and new, identifiable upstream facilities and activities.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: See attached backgrounder for more information.

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Backgrounder

This review was undertaken to consider whether the Board's decisions about the scope of its obligations under the *Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order* (the "EARP Guidelines Order") and the *National Energy Board Act* (the "Act") to undertake an assessment of the environmental effects and directly-related social effects of seven gas export licence applications were correct. Five companies, Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. ("BNYP"), Husky Oil Operations Ltd. ("Husky"), ProGas Limited ("ProGas"), Shell Canada Limited ("Shell") and Western Gas Marketing Limited ("WGML") applied to the Board for a total of sixteen gas export licences. ProGas also requested amendments to existing licences. The proposed amendments were to increase the authorized export volumes and extend the term of one licence, and to reduce the authorized export volumes in an other licence. As a result of these seven applications, the Board issued Hearing Order GH-5-93.

An environmental screening, pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order was performed for each application. ProGas, Shell and WGML stated that the development of new gas transmission facilities under the Board's jurisdiction would not be required to accommodate their applied-for exports. Therefore, they submitted, their applications fell within the ambit of the Board's list of Automatic Exclusion ("Exclusion List") pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order and required no further screening. The export proposals by BNYP and Husky¹ would require new facilities on the pipeline systems of TransCanada PipeLines Limited and Westcoast Energy Inc., respectively. BNYP and Husky stated that the environmental effects of these facilities would be considered, among other things, when the Board examines the applications by TransCanada and Westcoast for additional pipeline.

By letter dated 22 December 1993, Rocky Mountain Ecosystem Coalition ("RMEC") applied for intervenor status in the GH-5-93 hearing. It wished to cross-examine and present evidence on three aspects related to the export applications, including:

- (1) the causal relationship between export applications and upstream environmental effects which impair ecosystem integrity and biodiversity;
- (2) any uncertainty and risk to Canadian gas consumers having regard for energy security, sovereignty, social, health and economic implications of the applications; and
- (3) the public interest.

RMEC was advised that the first aspect did not fall within the bounds of the Board's jurisdiction and therefore the Board was not prepared to hear evidence on this aspect as a result of the Federal Court of Appeal decision in *Quebec (Attorney General) v. Canada (National Energy Board)*. The Federal Court of Appeal held in that case that the Board's environmental assessment of an electricity export was limited to a consideration of the environmental effects of the sending of electricity from Canada by line of wire or other conductor. In response, RMEC submitted that the aspects mentioned in its submission needed to be examined to reflect the spirit of the EARP Guidelines Order. RMEC stated that it would be

¹In its submission in this Review, Husky advised it no longer required new Westcoast facilities and that its application also fell within the Exclusion List.

presenting arguments based on questions of law and jurisdiction in support of its position. By letter dated 19 January 1994, the Board reiterated its position and its refusal to consider evidence which related to the causal relationship between export applications and upstream environmental effects.

The Board made a finding that the ProGas, Shell and WGML applications were on the Exclusion List under the EARP Guidelines Order and no further assessment was required. Concerning the BNYP and Husky applications, the Board determined that there were no potentially adverse environmental effects associated with the sending of gas from Canada. The Board was of the view that the upstream environmental matters raised by RMEC were dealt with in other forums. Furthermore, there was not the necessary level of public concern to refer the export proposals to the Minister of the Environment for a public review by a panel, pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order.

On 16 February 1994 the Board rendered its decision on the applications. On 24 February 1994, the Supreme Court of Canada released its decision on the appeal from the Federal Court of Appeal in the same case, now called *The Grand Council of the Crees (of Québec) and the Cree Regional Authority v. The Attorney General of Canada et al* ("Hydro-Québec decision"). It upheld the right of the Board to consider the environmental impacts of new production facilities when the Board examined the export proposal.

In the prior decision in that case, the Federal Court of Appeal had found that the Board was restricted to a consideration of only the environmental consequences of the transmission from Canada, by line of wire or other conductor, of power produced in Canada. According to the Federal Court judgement, the Board had no jurisdiction to consider the environmental effects of the production of the electricity.

After the release of the Supreme Court of Canada decision overturning the ruling of the Federal Court of Appeal, by letter dated 7 March 1994, RMEC requested that the Board rescind the approved licences and review its decision with respect to upstream environmental effects.

As a result of the RMEC application, the Board, by letter dated 15 March 1994, found that the RMEC application raised a question as to the correctness of its decision. The Board decided to conduct a review, pursuant to section 21 of the Act, of its decisions insofar as they related to the scope of the potential environmental effects and directly-related social effects of the exports. The parties were asked to address the following questions:

1. Are the decisions made by the Board, in respect of the scope of its obligations under the EARP Guidelines Order and the Act to consider the environmental effects and directly related social effects of the proposals, correct?
2. If the decisions are incorrect, would evidence submitted by the Applicants in response to:
 - (a) the questions set out in Appendix "B"; or
 - (b) the matters raised in the letter of RMEC dated 10 January 1994, a copy of which is attached as Appendix "C";

be necessary and sufficient to allow the Board to meet its obligations under the

EARP Guidelines Order and under the Act to consider the environmental effects and directly related social effects of the proposals?

3. If the decisions are incorrect, is there any evidence, not referred to in question 2 above, that is necessary to allow the Board to meet its obligations?

A copy of the Board's letter communicating its decision to conduct a review and appendices can be found in Appendix I of the Reasons for Decision in this matter.

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NEB SEEKS INPUT ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY MARKET FOR NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a discussion paper on possible changes to the rules governing the way transportation services are traded through the secondary market on the pipelines owned by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd., Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., TransCanada PipeLines Limited and Westcoast Energy Inc.

In its discussion paper, the Board says it is aware that some pipelines are planning to establish state-of-the-art electronic bulletin boards (EBBs) which will, among other things, provide shippers with immediate access to information on available capacity and facilitate the trading of this capacity among shippers. The Board believes that this raises issues which may require some regulatory actions to encourage optimal development and use of these EBBs on Board-regulated natural gas pipelines.

The Board is requesting comments on two proposals: (1) to require all transactions on the secondary market to be posted on the pipelines' EBBs and to provide an opportunity to all shippers to bid for available capacity; and (2) to remove the current restriction on selling capacity on the secondary market at prices above the regulated cost of service toll. The intent of the first proposal is to improve the transparency of pricing in the market and the intent of the second proposal is to improve the efficiency of the market.

The discussion paper provides background on the development of the secondary market for transportation services on natural gas pipelines in both Canada and the United States, elaboration on the Board's assessment of current developments, some possible regulatory actions and a list of questions.

Parties wishing to comment are requested to file a letter of intent with the Board by 29 July 1994.

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NEB ISSUES NEW DIRECTIONS TO STREAMLINE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR PIPELINE FACILITIES

CALGARY — The National Energy Board has issued a decision concerning the processing of specified routine pipeline facilities applications under section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act*. Section 58 applications are for new pipelines less than 40 kilometres in length and other facilities, and may be considered by the Board without a public hearing.

The Board has decided to exempt pipeline companies from certain provisions of the *National Energy Board Act*, thereby allowing them to complete routine or repetitive capital projects required to operate and manage a pipeline system and which have been determined to have no environmental effect without having to seek individual Board authorizations. As well, projects undertaken by pipeline companies which are part of a well defined multi-year program would receive a single, one-time examination by the Board at the commencement of the program. All capital projects completed by a pipeline company under this streamlined process will continue to be examined by the Board and interested parties prior to being added to the rate base.

The decision is in response to input requested from both industry and the public regarding concerns expressed about the administrative burden in the regulation of capital additions and associated expenses.

The Board hopes the changes will result in meaningful process streamlining, and sees the new initiative as one which will develop and evolve over time.

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The Board has approved a new regulatory process for the approval of routine pipeline projects and well-defined multi-year programs under section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act* (the "Act"). Section 58 applications are for new pipelines less than 40 kilometres in length, or other associated facilities or property, and may be considered by the Board without a public hearing.

This initiative is in response to a discussion paper which was circulated to industry and the public for comment, under cover of the Board's letter of 8 December 1993, examining new approaches to considering section 58 applications for routine items and multi-year programs, and ascertain new approaches as to the treatment of related rate base additions.

The new process applies to routine or repetitive projects which are required by pipeline companies and which have been determined to have no environmental effect under a section 12(a) finding of the *Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order* (the "EARP Guidelines Order"). Companies are reminded that any expenditures for exempted projects for inclusion in rate base must be justified under Part IV of the Act.

As well, eligible projects undertaken by pipeline companies are part of well-defined multi-year programs, of which a large number may qualify for a single, one-time examination at the commencement of the program. The Board will consider such applications made by pipeline companies and interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to comment.

The Board, as well, will continue to work with regulated companies and other interested parties to maximize the opportunity for streamlining section 58 applications through the development of standard environmental practices which could be incorporated into company handbooks. The Board will also consider any other streamlining initiatives that may be available under current legislation (the Act and EARP Guidelines Order) or opportunities which may become available in the future under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Some parties requested a formalized process for commenting on pipeline applications. The Board is not inclined to formalize procedures for the examination and approval of section 58 applications. Rather, the Board would encourage parties to bring forward any concerns in a timely manner so as not to impede the progress of the regulatory examination. The Board encourages the use of forums, such as task forces, to examine projects in advance of filing, as a means of open communication between the pipeline company and those parties impacted by its programs.

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NEB RECEIVES 1995 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1995, for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The tolls requested by TransCanada for the Eastern Zone average 4.2 percent more than the tolls approved for 1994.

TransCanada's application includes an 11.5 percent increase in its revenue requirement to \$1,773.6 million from the approved revenue requirement for 1994 of \$1,590.0 million and a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 percent on a common equity ratio of 30 percent.

The Board will announce later the procedure to be followed in considering the application.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Québec.

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NEB RESCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has rescheduled the GH-3-94 public hearing on five applications for seven licences to export natural gas. The hearing will commence on Monday, 12 September 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta. New interventions will be accepted until 18 July 1994.

In May 1994, the Board had scheduled those applications for public hearing to commence on 26 July 1994. On 6 June 1994, the Board decided to adjourn the hearing pending the completion of a review that the Board was conducting regarding its decisions in natural gas export hearing GH-5-93 as they relate to the scope of the assessments of the potential environmental effects and directly related social effects of the exports. On 30 June 1994, the Board issued its reasons for decision regarding the review and has, therefore, rescheduled the GH-3-94 public hearing.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are described below.

CanStates Gas Marketing applied for two 15-year licences to export a total of 1.3 million cubic metres (45 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Chevron Canada Resources applied for a 15-year licence to export some 585 800 cubic metres (20.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for a 9-year licence to export some 140 000 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to AmGas Inc., a natural gas marketing company located in Omaha, Nebraska.



Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for two 10-year licences to export a total of 208 000 cubic metres (7.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be sold to Bay State Gas Company, the largest independent gas distributor in New England, and Northern Utilities, Inc. a local distribution company serving communities in New Hampshire and Maine.

Western Gas Marketing Limited applied for a 9-year licence to export some 205 000 cubic metres (7.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas will be sold to Michigan Gas Utilities, a local distribution company in the State of Michigan.

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APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES**

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
CanStates/ Hermiston	841.4 (29.7)	307.1 (10.8)	4 606.9 (162.6)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
CanStates/ Hermiston	420.7 (14.9)	153.5 (5.4)	2 303.2 (81.0)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
Chevron/ Hermiston	585.8 (20.7)	214.4 (7.6)	3 210.0 (113.3)	Later of 1 July 1996 or the date of first deliveries for 15 years
Renaissance/ AmGas	140.0 (4.9)	51.1 (1.8)	511.0 (18.0)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Renaissance/ Bay State	180.0 (6.4)	66.0 (2.3)	660.0 (23.3)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
Renaissance/ Northern Utilities	28.0 (1.0)	10.1 (0.4)	101.0 (3.6)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
WGML/ Michigan Gas	205.0 (7.2)	75.0 (2.6)	750.0 (26.5)	From the date of issuance of the licence to 31 October 2003
Measurements:	10 ³ m ³ : 10 ⁶ m ³ : MMcf: Bcf:	Thousand cubic metres Million cubic metres Million cubic feet Billion cubic feet		

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NEB APPROVES HUSKY OIL'S EXPORT APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Husky Oil Operations Ltd. to export natural gas.

The Board received the environmental information that it had requested from Husky for the Board to determine if there will be any new upstream facilities that will be constructed or activities that will be undertaken to meet the requirements of Husky's export proposal. The Board concluded that there is no necessary connection between new upstream facilities and activities and the proposal to export gas and has therefore decided that there is no need to expand the scope of the environmental assessment undertaken when the application was first considered. The Board will, therefore, subject to Governor in Council approval, issue the licence applied for.

On 30 June 1994, in its decision with respect to the review of the GH-5-93 decisions, the Board had vacated its decision of 6 February 1994 to approve the application and held it in abeyance pending the receipt of information from Husky sufficient for the Board to determine if there would be any new upstream facilities that would be constructed or activities that would be undertaken to meet the requirements of its export proposal. The Board further stated that, should there be facilities or activities which are determined to be subject to assessment, Husky would be required to provide sufficient information about the environmental effects on federal areas of jurisdiction and the directly-related social effects of those facilities or activities to enable the Board to reach a determination under section 12 of the EARP Guidelines Order.

The Board approved a 15-year licence to export some 398 000 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Huntingdon, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a power production facility to be constructed by Tenaska Washington Partners II, L.P. near Tacoma, Washington.

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NEB RECEIVES FACILITIES APPLICATION FROM FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., on behalf of Foothills Pipe Lines (Alta) Ltd., of Calgary, for permission to construct a pipeline project known as the "Wild Horse Pipeline Project".

Foothills is applying for permission to construct approximately 215.5 kilometres (133.9 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) pipeline from Princess, Alberta to the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta. Foothills also applied for approval to construct a metering facility near Wild Horse. The new pipeline will connect with the facilities of Altamont Gas Transmission Company near Wild Horse and the facilities of Nova Gas Transmission Ltd. near Princess. The facilities will be capable of transporting 20.89 million cubic metres (737.5 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas to Altamont for redelivery to markets throughout the United States. The estimated cost of the project is \$138.6 million and the projected in-service date is 1 November 1996.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

Foothills owns and operates a natural gas transmission system within British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan consisting of approximately 978 kilometres (580 miles) of pipeline.

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NEB POSTPONES HEARING ON PIPELINE COST OF CAPITAL MATTERS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced a postponement of six weeks in its multi-pipeline cost of capital public hearing.

The postponement is the result of a request by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) which had asked for more time to prepare expert evidence for the hearing. The hearing will now begin 24 October 1994 in the Board's hearing room in Calgary.

The hearing, which was announced in March, is to decide the cost of capital (rate of return on common equity and capital structure) for 1995 and future years of eight Group One pipeline companies in a single hearing. The Board would like to avoid annual hearings on the cost of capital for the major Group One pipeline companies. It is the Board's intention to set the cost of capital for multi-year periods with provisions for an adjustment mechanism to the rate of return on common equity component for the intervening years.

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NEB RECEIVES FACILITIES EXPANSION APPLICATION FROM TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE INC.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM), of Montreal, for permission to construct a pipeline which will cross the St. Lawrence River to the South Shore of Québec.

The facilities applied-for pertain to construction of approximately 13.5 kilometres (8.4 miles) of 406 mm (16 inch) diameter pipeline from main line valve AV-25 of the TQM Pipeline system at Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Québec to a new meter station located south of the Jean-Lesage Autoroute (Highway # 20) at Bernières, on the South Shore of Québec City. Construction will also include an underground river-crossing by tunnel of the St. Lawrence River, of approximately 3.5 kilometres. The estimated cost of the additional transportation facilities is \$27.3 million.

TQM indicates that the facilities are necessary to provide the service required by Gaz Métropolitain to serve new markets on Québec City's South Shore and to allow for the development and operation of an underground natural gas storage facility in St. Flavien, located approximately 25 kilometres west of Bernières.

TQM Pipeline operates natural gas facilities in Québec.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES NEW CANADIAN ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND REPORT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released its latest study on Canadian energy, entitled *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand 1993-2010, Trends and Issues*. The study updates information from the Board's June 1991 report. It is one component of the ongoing study and monitoring of energy matters for which the Board is responsible under the *National Energy Board Act*.

In part to reflect views expressed in consultations with industry and others, this report concentrates more on issues and less on the projection of results than previous reports. Another report will be released later in the fall, which will include a detailed discussion of the analysis and results, similar to previous versions of *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand*. The main issue evaluated in the report is the impact of evolving technology on natural gas supply costs and the associated implications for total energy supply and demand.

In this analysis of the prospects for Canadian energy supply and demand, the Board has focused on the implications of:

- the impact of technological change on natural gas supply costs and in turn, the implications on demand and supply of all energy sources;
- evolving oil supply technologies and different oil prices for Canadian oil supply;
- a more energy-intensive economy for energy demand; and
- more interprovincial planning of electricity supply together with open access to transmission facilities for the pattern of electricity generation and trade.

The Board's analysis results in substantially different natural gas price profiles in the two principal supply cases analyzed; by 2010 Alberta fieldgate prices are projected to average about \$4.00 and \$2.25 per gigajoule in real terms in the Current and High Technology (Current Tech and High Tech) cases respectively, compared to the 1993 level of \$1.58 per gigajoule. The Current Tech case is one in which the conventional resource continues to comprise the bulk of production and is increasingly expensive to exploit. In the High Tech case, new advances in technology and geological knowledge prevent the costs of finding and developing new gas reserves from rising appreciably from current levels.

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The Board adopted a reference crude oil price which implies small increases in the prices of refined petroleum products and assumed that electricity prices would remain constant in real terms. Thus, over the study period, the only substantial change in relative energy prices at the burner tip is an increase in natural gas prices relative to the prices of electricity and petroleum products in the Current Tech case. The Board also analyzed the implications of a higher U.S. gas demand profile and of the impact on North American gas markets of the introduction of supply from an additional low cost, non-Canadian source such as Mexico.

The combination of expanding exports and domestic demand leads, under all scenarios studied, to rapidly rising production of Canadian gas over the next two decades. Exports are the most important influence. The Board's analysis suggests that Canadian production could reach the neighbourhood of seven exajoules per year (6.7 trillion cubic feet) towards the end of the study period, compared to 4.7 exajoules (4.5 trillion cubic feet) in 1993.

Growth in end use energy demand in all cases analyzed is closer to the rate of growth experienced in the 1970s than in the 1980s for all major sectors. The long-term analysis suggests that there is a wide range of plausible market outcomes for both gas price and volume.

The Board's study shows that horizontal drilling for oil has had a particularly strong impact on oil supply. The analysis suggests that total Canadian crude oil production could increase over the study period so long as world oil prices are consistently above the mid-point of the sustainable range (in the Board's analysis, \$15US to \$30US per barrel, 1993 dollars) and/or technological progress further reduces supply costs. Any expansion in oil supply is likely to feature increases in heavy oil production, in bitumen production from the oil sands and light oil production from the frontiers. Light oil production from western Canada gradually declines over the study period. The size and composition of the Canadian oil supply is very sensitive to oil prices between US\$15 and US\$26.

The fuels used in electricity production and the geographical pattern of generating capacity are influenced substantially by the course of natural gas prices and the extent to which the provinces begin to jointly plan for electricity production and engage in more extensive, economically beneficial, interprovincial trade. In a setting in which electricity generating capacity is planned on an interprovincial basis and access to transmission is available, the Board's analysis suggests that large hydro projects in Labrador and Manitoba, which are too large for intraprovincial use, would be developed to supply regional loads. Hydro production from Labrador would be transmitted through Quebec to the Atlantic provinces, Ontario and possibly the U.S. Hydroelectric power from Manitoba would be transmitted to Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Based on its energy projections, the Board's analysis suggests that, absent the implementation of specific control measures, emissions of the greenhouse gases of carbon dioxide and methane will continue to rise with growing use of fossil fuels over the study period.

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A readership survey is included with the report. The survey results will be used to assist the Board in deciding whether or not to continue producing *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand*. If the report continues to be produced, the survey will be used to help determine how it might be improved.

Data used in the *Trends and Issues* report graphs will be available on computer diskette, on request.

NOTE TO EDITORS: **The report's Summary and Conclusions is attached for background.**

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this analysis of the prospects for Canadian energy supply and demand we have focused on the implications of:

- different natural gas supply conditions on demand and supply of all energy sources;
- evolving oil supply technologies and different oil prices for Canadian oil supply;
- a more energy-intensive economy for energy demand; and
- more interprovincial planning of electricity supply together with open access to transmission facilities for the pattern of electricity generation and trade.

Our analysis resulted in substantially different natural gas price profiles in the two gas supply cases analyzed; by 2010 Alberta fieldgate prices are projected to average about \$4.00 and \$2.25 per gigajoule in real terms in the Current and High Tech cases respectively, compared to the 1993 level of \$1.58. We adopted a reference oil price projection which implies small increases in the prices of refined petroleum products and we assumed that electricity prices would remain constant in real terms. Thus, over our study period the only substantial change in relative energy prices at the burner tip is an increase in natural gas prices relative to the prices of electricity and petroleum products in the Current Tech case. The costs and prices of alternative and renewable energy forms are, in general, high relative to conventional energy sources and we assumed they would remain so. We recognize that some alternative sources are now competitive in certain markets and, further, that technological progress may occur to enhance the commercial viability of alternative energy over our study period.

Growth in end use energy demand in all cases analyzed is higher than the rate of growth experienced in the 1980s for all major sectors. This is a result of a number of factors: projected increases in energy prices are moderate; in our view the adjustment of energy demand to the energy price increases of the late 1970s and early 1980s is largely complete; and, in our economic projections, growth in production is more concentrated in energy-intensive industries over our study period than it has been in the past 20 years.

Natural gas prices and the composition of economic growth have an important influence on end use energy demand. If relatively low gas prices are combined with an economic projection in which the output of energy-intensive industries grows relatively rapidly, end use demand is about one exajoule higher, or about ten percent, than if gas prices are higher and economic growth is less energy intensive. Moreover, natural gas demand increases much more rapidly in the High Tech case, in which gas prices increase relatively slowly, than in the Current Tech case.

The fuels used in electricity production and the geographical pattern of generating capacity are influenced substantially by the course of natural gas prices and the extent to which the provinces begin to jointly plan for electricity production and engage in more extensive, economically beneficial, interprovincial trade. In the Current and High Tech cases, which assume that planning continues to be done independently by provincial utilities, fossil fuel and hydro generation increase by similar amounts over the study period. In the case of fossil fuel generation the fuel selected depends importantly on fuel prices. For example, in the High Tech case, in which natural gas prices are relatively low, the amount of natural gas-fired generation is double what it is in the Current Tech case.

In a setting in which electricity generating capacity is planned on an interprovincial basis and access to transmission is available, our analysis suggests that large hydro projects in Labrador and Manitoba, which are too large to be developed for intraprovincial use, would be developed to supply regional loads. Hydro production from Labrador would be transmitted through Québec to the Atlantic provinces, Ontario and possibly the U.S. Hydropower from Manitoba would be transmitted to Ontario and Saskatchewan. In this case we estimate that the Labrador and Manitoba hydro projects would displace all new fossil-fired generating capacity from Newfoundland to Saskatchewan in the second half of the next decade at a unit cost about 75 percent that of the fossil fuel alternatives. Consequently, total fossil-fuelled generation in this case is somewhat lower by the end of the study period than in the Current and High Tech cases.

We analyzed the prospects for North American natural gas markets under a number of assumptions. The

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two principal cases examined alternative assumptions concerning the nature and costs of gas supply:

- the conventional resource continues to comprise the bulk of production and is increasingly expensive to exploit (the Current Tech case); and
- new advances in technology and geological knowledge prevent the costs of finding and developing new gas reserves from rising appreciably from current levels (the High Tech case).

We also analyzed the implications of a higher U.S. gas demand profile and of the impact on North American gas markets of the introduction of supply from an additional, low cost, non-Canadian source such as Mexico.

Canadian exports of natural gas are highest in a high price, high U.S. demand world and lowest in a low price world with abundant North American supply. In all but one case analyzed the projected exports from Canada are generally at or above levels recently experienced. Exports decline somewhat in the case which combines the High Tech view with the assumption of an additional low cost North American supply source.

The combination of expanding exports and domestic demand leads, under all scenarios studied, to rapidly rising production of Canadian gas over the next two decades. Exports are the most important influence. Our analysis suggests that Canadian production could reach the neighbourhood of seven exajoules per year towards the end of our study period compared to 4.7 exajoules in 1993.

The implications of rising gas production for exploration and development activity depend importantly on the assumptions made about the impact of technological change. In the Current Tech case modest improvements in known technology continue: in that case our projection implies that gas-directed exploratory drilling would increase rapidly from its 1993 level of two million metres to about five million metres per year near the end of the study period. In the High Tech case, drilling and production technology change in unknown ways; it is, therefore, inherently impossible to generate estimates of activity levels without making additional assumptions about the impact of technological change.

The results of the analysis for the case in which U.S. demand increases very rapidly provide interested parties with a background for the Export Impact Assessment component of the Market-Based Procedure used by the Board to regulate long-term gas exports.

Our long-term analysis suggests that there is a wide range of plausible market outcomes for both gas price and volume. Different outcomes may have implications for short-term market adjustments which we have not completely analyzed. In this respect we note that there appeared to be agreement at the Export Impact Assessment Workshop that:

- the principal tools of long-term analysis provide limited understanding of adjustment processes; and
- more short-term analysis should be undertaken in order to understand adjustment processes better.

Canada's oil resource base is large and diverse, comprising conventional light and heavy oil in the WCSB, light oil in the frontier regions, and bitumen found in the oil sands in Alberta. Canadian oil supply has increased moderately in recent years as supply costs have declined due to industry rationalization and rapid technological progress. Among new technologies, horizontal drilling has had a particularly strong impact on oil supply. We assessed the prospects for Canadian oil supply under two assumptions about the progress of technology: a Current Tech assumption in which oil supply costs are related to technologies currently in use or which are close to becoming commercially viable, and a High Tech assumption which incorporates supply costs associated with technologies that are in the early stages of research. We also assessed the implications for oil supply of the upper and lower bounds of our sustainable range of oil prices (US\$30 and US\$15 per barrel, 1993 dollars).

Our analysis suggests that total Canadian crude oil production could increase over our study period so long as world oil prices are consistently above the mid-point of our sustainable range and/or technological progress further reduces supply costs. Any expansion in oil supply is likely to feature increases in heavy oil production, in bitumen production from the oil sands and light oil production from the frontiers. Light oil production from western Canada gradually declines over the study period. The state of resource depletion in the WCSB suggests that supply of western Canada conventional oil, particularly light crude oil, is unlikely to be sustained in the long run even under conditions of rapid technological progress. However, horizontal drilling and other new technologies may lead to a continued gradual increase in production in the near term and could delay the decline by several years.

The size and composition of the Canadian oil supply is very sensitive to oil prices between US\$15 and

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US\$26. In a world in which oil prices track at the bottom of the sustainable range, total Canadian crude oil supply declines quite rapidly as no new supply sources are economically viable. In contrast, all sources are viable above US\$26. Canada remains a net exporter of crude oil when oil prices are sustained at or above the mid-range level. At lower prices Canadian production declines sufficiently rapidly that Canada becomes a net importer towards the end of the study period.

Our projections, like those in the Climate Change Report, imply that, absent the implementation of specific control measures, emissions of the greenhouse gases of carbon dioxide and methane will continue to rise with growing use of fossil fuels over our study period.

Of the other gaseous emissions, those of nitrogen oxide rise moderately while energy-related emissions of volatile organic compounds and of sulphur dioxide decline over the study period. Emissions of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide are lowest in the enhanced electricity trade case. In that case large

amounts of fossil-fuelled electricity generation are displaced by hydro-electric generation.

There are wide ranges of possible and plausible outcomes for both energy demand and supply over the next two decades. Different outcomes result from variations in factors as diverse as economic activity, the pace of technological advance and, as in the case of electricity supply, the nature of trading and transmission arrangements. We do not present any one outcome as being more probable than another. Nor can it be said that, in general, any one outcome is more desirable than another.

The actual pattern of events will not be as smooth as suggested in our analysis. Markets will be required to adjust to changing circumstances and, as they do, fluctuations in volumes and prices can be expected to occur. We reiterate that our purpose has not been to engage in a detailed analysis or forecast of short-term developments; rather, it has been to shed some light on possible long-term trends.

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NEB TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A FACILITIES APPLICATION FROM FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES (ALTA.) LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., on behalf of Foothills Pipe Lines (Alta.) Ltd. of Calgary, for a certificate to construct and operate the proposed "Wild Horse Pipeline".

The hearing will commence on Monday, 3 October 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary Alberta.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by 12:00 (MST), Friday, 19 August 1994.

Foothills (Alta.) applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of a pipeline consisting of approximately 215.5 kilometres (134 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter line pipe, metering, and related facilities between Princess, Alberta and the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta.

The proposed Wild Horse Pipeline, which has an estimated cost of \$138.6 million, would be capable of transporting 20.89 million cubic metres (737.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day commencing 1 November 1996. The pipeline would connect upstream with the facilities of NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. and downstream at the Alberta/Montana border with the proposed Altamont Gas Transmission Company pipeline system.

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NEB ANNOUNCES REVISED GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS OF TRAFFIC, TOLLS AND TARIFFS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a revised set of guidelines on negotiated settlements regarding traffic, tolls and tariffs for the Group 1 pipeline companies regulated by the Board. Group 1 companies include the five largest oil and products pipelines and the five largest natural gas pipelines and are listed below.

On 21 April 1994, the Board issued draft revised guidelines and a discussion paper on negotiated settlements. Since then, the Board has considered comments received from interested parties on these documents and has now issued the revised guidelines.

A number of Group 1 pipeline companies have, in recent years, established task forces on tolls, tariff and operational matters. These task forces provide a forum for the pipeline companies, producers, shippers, consumers, governments and other interested parties to exchange information, discuss issues, negotiate and ultimately settle issues before the formal hearing process is initiated before the Board. Sometimes it is possible for a task force to settle all outstanding issues, thus obviating the need for a formal hearing for the Board. In either case, there can be substantial cost savings for all parties.

The Board sees such negotiated settlements as a means whereby pipeline companies and interested parties can choose to resolve issues and agree on the regulation of tolls and tariffs without resorting to the hearing process. The last set of guidelines were published in September 1988 and the Board felt it was time to update them.

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Group 1 Gas pipeline companies are:

Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd

Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.

TransCanada PipeLines Limited

Trans Quebec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc.

Westcoast Energy Inc.

Group 1 Oil and Products pipeline companies are:

Cochin Pipe Lines Ltd.

Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.

Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd.

Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.

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NEB LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS

CALGARY - The National Energy Board announces that as of September 1, 1994, certain of its key documents will be accessible electronically. A computer-based electronic bulletin board system (BBS) will provide instant access to anyone across Canada and worldwide, through ordinary modem hookups. Bulletin board users can obtain news releases and related backgrounders, hearing orders, regulatory agendas and selected oil and gas statistics in electronic format. All information will be posted in both official languages.

There is no charge for access to selected NEB documents via the bulletin board and the only cost to users is the normal phone company charge for connecting to the Calgary number: (403) 299-2751. The bulletin board is available around the clock, with the exception of specified hours for data loading or occasional system upgrades. A help line at 299-3919 will be operational from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (MT) during most business days. A user guide with instructions is available for reference. Users should set their communications software to:

- 300, 1200, 2400, 9600, 14 400 or 16 800 bps;
- full duplex;
- no parity;
- eight data bits; and
- one stop bit.

It is anticipated that the convenience and speed of the bulletin board will augment service to various clients including the public, industry, media and other government departments. Board Chairman Priddle says the bulletin board is one of several initiatives to enhance the Board's responsiveness. "Electronic distribution of information is now standard within organizations and many are looking to use the same technology to speed external communications. The NEB believes this initiative will facilitate the flow and processing of information between the Board and its stakeholders."



Over time, the system will be modified according to public feedback. "During the introductory phase of the BBS project, we felt it was best to proceed with a limited number of offerings", Board Secretary Scott Richardson said. "Once the anticipated core users in the energy sector and

the media are familiar with the system and its reliability has been demonstrated, we will review how the bulletin board corresponds to related projects now underway."

Official copies of bulletin board documents are still available at the NEB library in Calgary and the Natural Resources Canada library in Ottawa. News releases, as usual, will continue to be transmitted on Canada News Wire and mailed to interested parties.

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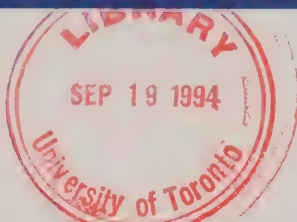
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NEB WILL CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIOUS APPLICATIONS TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board will convene a public hearing on five applications for seven licences to export natural gas. The hearing will commence on Monday, 12 September 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The applications will be heard by the following Board members: Kenneth W. Vollman (Presiding Member), Anita Côté-Verhaaf and Robert Andrew.

The applications to be considered at the hearing include: **CanStates Gas Marketing** (one application for two licences), **Chevron Canada Resources** (one application for one licence), **Renaissance Energy Ltd.** (two applications for three licences) and **Western Gas Marketing Limited** (one application for one licence). The applied-for seven licences cover periods ranging from 9 to 15 years and would authorize the export of some 2.4 million cubic metres (84.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. During the term of the licences the companies propose to export some 12.1 billion cubic metres (428.7 billion cubic feet) of natural gas.

At the outset of the hearing, the Board will hear any motions dealing with preliminary matters.

The Board decided that it is not prepared at this time to consider requests from eight parties, pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order* ("EARP Guidelines Order"), to refer the gas export applications back to the applicants for further study or to the Minister of Environment for a full panel review. First the Board must decide on the scope of the environmental assessment to be undertaken for each proposal. To do this the Board will consider all of the evidence submitted and decide whether the necessary connection exists between the requirements of the applied-for export licence and new upstream facilities or activities to include those facilities or activities in the scope of the environmental assessment. This decision will be made after receipt and consideration of evidence and argument. The Board will then complete its initial environmental assessment of the proposals and reach a finding under the *EARP Guidelines Order*.

To the extent that there may be a number of parties who are not familiar with the oral hearing procedures, the Board has decided to invite parties to an information session on procedures



from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the hearing. The hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m. The information session will be lead by Board Counsel and will be an outline of the Board's practices in respect of the presentations of motions, arguments, oral and written evidence and cross-examination.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1995/1996 PIPELINE FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for construction of new natural gas transportation facilities in order to meet domestic and export requirements for the contract year commencing 1 November 1995.

The decision is the result of a public hearing held in Calgary in July 1994.

The Board has given approval for TransCanada to construct \$189.3 million worth of new facilities in Manitoba, Ontario and Québec, including 55.2 kilometres (34.2 miles) of new pipeline loop across its system, 70.6 megawatts of new compression and the relocation of two portable compressor units totalling 13.6 megawatts.

TransCanada plans to begin construction this year and have the new facilities in service by 1 November 1995. The new facilities will permit TransCanada to meet requests for new long-haul firm services totalling approximately 3.3 million cubic metres (117.6 million cubic feet) per day.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Québec.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON 1995 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1995, for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The hearing will commence 9 January 1995 at a location to be announced later.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by Thursday, 6 October 1994.

The tolls requested by TransCanada for the Eastern Zone average 4.2 per cent more than the tolls approved for 1994.

TransCanada's application includes an 11.5 per cent increase in its revenue requirement to \$1.77 billion from the approved revenue requirement for 1994 of \$1.59 billion. This application is based on a rate of return of 12.75 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent. This compares to a rate of return of 11.25 per cent on a common equity ratio of 30 per cent that the Board approved for TransCanada for 1994.

As part of its application, the company filed a joint task force report which contains toll and tariff issues that a joint industry task force was able to resolve.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from the Alberta border across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Québec.

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NEB Releases Part of Technical Supply and Demand Report - 1993-2010

Calgary - The National Energy Board has decided to release the chapter (Chapter 6) of its Technical Supply and Demand Report - 1993-2010 dealing with gas supply. The complete Technical Supply and Demand Report will be released later this year.

The Board decided to release Chapter 6 as a result of a public hearing currently being held regarding five applications for seven export licences. During the hearing, the Board's Supply and Demand - Trends and Issues Report, released in June 1994, has received a lot of attention. To assist parties to the hearing, the Board decided to release the gas supply chapter of the technical report which contains the underlying assumptions and the methodologies utilized in preparing the material set out in the chapter on natural gas contained in the July 1994 Supply and Demand - Trends and Issues Report. With the release of Chapter 6, parties to the hearing will have the information necessary to test the scenarios described in the July 1994 - Trends and Issues Report.

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NEB RECEIVES 1995 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM TQM PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) for tolls to be charged by the company on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1995.

The tolls requested by TQM are 5.2 per cent less than those authorized by the Board for 1994. TQM's proposed 1995 tolls have been calculated on the basis of a rate of return of 12.75 per cent and a common equity ratio of 35 per cent.

TQM states in its application that it is applying for tolls only for 1995 because of the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing which will be held by the Board beginning 24 October 1994.

Copies of the application are available for viewing at TQM's offices in Montreal and at the Board's offices in Calgary.

TQM's pipeline system extends from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point west of Quebec City. TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary and Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal.

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NEB RECEIVES KAHNTAH PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. (NCL) as agent for 3025811 Canada Ltd., to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta.

NCL is requesting permission to construct approximately 56 kilometres (34.7 miles) of 323.9 millimetre (12.6 inch) pipeline and a metering facility extending from the Home Oil Company Limited (Home) Kahntah field in northeastern British Columbia to connect to a NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility in Alberta. The proposed facilities, known as the Kahntah Pipeline Project, will enable natural gas produced and processed by Home from the new and currently unconnected Kahntah field, to be delivered to markets served by Home.

NCL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$13.6 million. The company plans for construction to occur between December 1994 and March 1995, with an in-service date for the facilities of 1 April 1995.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

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NEB TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TQM PIPELINE TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing by way of written submission an application by Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) for tolls to be charged by the company on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1995.

The tolls requested by TQM are 5.2 per cent less than those authorized by the Board for 1994. TQM's proposed 1995 tolls have been calculated on the basis of a rate of return of 12.75 per cent and a common equity ratio of 35 per cent.

TQM states in its application that it is applying for tolls only for 1995 because of the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing which will be held by the Board beginning 24 October 1994.

Persons wishing to intervene should file notice to the Board in writing by 27 October 1994.

TQM's pipeline system extends from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point west of Quebec City. TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary and Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal.

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NEB TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING INTO KAHNTAH PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing by way of written submission an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. (NCL) as agent for 3025811 Canada Ltd. to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta.

NCL is requesting permission to construct approximately 56 kilometres (34.7 miles) of 323.9 millimetre (12.6 inch) pipeline, complete with a metering facility extending from the Home Oil Company Limited (Home) Kahntah field in northeastern British Columbia to connect to a NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility in Alberta. The proposed facilities, known as the Kahntah Pipeline Project, will enable natural gas produced and processed by Home from the new and currently unconnected Kahntah field, to be delivered to markets served by Home.

Persons wishing to intervene should file notice to the Board by 27 October 1994.

NCL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$13.6 million. The company plans for construction to occur between December 1994 and March 1995, with an in-service date for the facilities of 1 April 1995.

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NEB RECEIVES 1995 INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton for approval of new tolls the company may charge, beginning 1 January 1995, for transportation of crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons on its pipeline.

IPL is requesting a nine per cent increase in tolls for 1995 for the shipment of light crude oil from Edmonton to Sarnia, over those approved for 1994. The company is also requesting a net revenue requirement of approximately \$374.9 million.

The company has based its proposed 1995 tolls on the currently approved rate of return on equity and capital structure. These two issues will be examined during the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing which will be held by the Board beginning 24 October 1994.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING ON PIPELINE COST OF CAPITAL MATTERS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will start its Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital Hearing on Monday, 24 October 1994 at 9 a.m. in the Board's hearing room, third floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

The hearing, which was announced in March, was postponed in July at the request of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) which had asked for more time to prepare expert evidence for the hearing.

The hearing is being held to decide the cost of capital (rate of return on common equity and capital structure) for 1995 and future years for eight Group One pipeline companies in a single hearing. The Board would like to avoid annual hearings on the cost of capital for the major Group One companies. It is the Board's intention to set the cost of capital for multi-year periods with provision for an adjustment mechanism to the rate of return on common equity component for the intervening years.

The hearing panel will consist of R. Priddle, Chairman, and members Anita Côté-Verhaaf, Céline Bélanger, Ken Vollman and Robert Andrew.

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NEB RECEIVES WESTCOAST ENERGY APPLICATION FOR FORT ST. JOHN EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver (Westcoast) concerning the company's Fort St. John, British Columbia, expansion project. The application relates to the expansion of Westcoast's Fort St. John transmission system and the construction of a new gas treatment plant.

In its application, Westcoast proposes to build a new Aitken Creek plant in an area 130 kilometres north of Fort St. John. The new plant is to replace an existing plant to be taken out of service and with added capacity will be capable of processing 9.05 million cubic metres (320 million cubic feet) per day. The company's other gas processing plant for the area is the McMahon Plant, near Taylor, British Columbia.

In addition to the new Aitken Creek Plant facility, Westcoast proposes to expand the capacity of its Fort St. John raw gas transmission system by constructing, installing and operating certain compressor, pipeline and related facilities. These will provide additional raw gas transmission capacity through the pipeline system to accommodate additional volumes of gas to be processed at the new Aitken Creek Plant or the existing McMahon Plant.

The company expects construction of the new and expanded facilities to cost \$265.5 million. The proposed in-service date for these facilities is April 1996.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will deal with the application.

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NEB RECEIVES 1995 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM WESTCOAST ENERGY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for tolls the company may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1995.

In its application, dated 21 October 1994, Westcoast is requesting an overall toll increase of seven per cent from those charged in 1994.

The company, in estimating its 1994 cost of service, has used a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent. The capital structure utilized in the application includes a common equity component of 35 per cent, which is unchanged from 1994.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR WESTCOAST ENERGY FORT ST. JOHN EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver (Westcoast) concerning the company's Fort St. John, British Columbia, expansion project. The application relates to the expansion of Westcoast's Fort St. John transmission system and the construction of a new gas treatment plant.

The hearing will begin 16 January 1995 at a place to be announced later.

Parties wishing to intervene in the hearing are requested to file their interventions with the Board by 18 November 1994.

Westcoast proposes to build a new Aitken Creek Plant which will be capable of processing 9.05 million cubic metres (320 million cubic feet) per day. The new plant, to be located in an area 130 kilometres north of Fort St. John, is to replace the existing Aitken Creek Plant which will be taken out of service. The company's other gas processing plant for the area is the McMahon Plant, near Taylor, British Columbia.

In addition to the new Aitken Creek Plant facility, Westcoast proposes to expand the capacity of its Fort St. John raw gas transmission system by constructing, installing and operating certain compressor, pipeline and related facilities. These will provide additional raw gas transmission capacity through the pipeline system to accommodate additional volumes of gas to be processed at the new Aitken Creek Plant or the existing McMahon Plant.

The company expects the total cost of the new facilities to be \$397.4 million. The proposed in-service date for these facilities is April 1996.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON 1995 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton for approval of new tolls the company may charge, beginning 1 January 1995, for transportation of crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons on its pipeline.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 6 February 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Persons wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by Monday, 28 November 1994.

IPL is requesting a nine per cent increase in tolls for the shipment of light crude oil from Edmonton to Sarnia, over those approved for 1994. The company is also requesting a net revenue requirement of approximately \$374.9 million.

The company has based its proposed 1995 tolls on the currently approved rate of return on equity of 11.5 per cent and deemed capital structure of 45 per cent common equity. These two issues are being examined in the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing being held by the Board which commenced 24 October 1994.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB TO HOLD HEARING FOR WESTCOAST ENERGY GRIZZLY VALLEY EXPANSION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for the company's Grizzly Valley Expansion Project, near Fort St. John, British Columbia. The Board has also amended its Hearing Order for the company's earlier application on expansion of Westcoast's Fort St. John transmission system and the construction of a new gas treatment plant.

The Board will hold a public hearing beginning 23 January 1995 for Westcoast's Fort St. John Expansion Project. That hearing will be immediately followed by a public hearing on Westcoast's Grizzly Valley Expansion Project. Both hearings will take place at a location to be announced at a later date.

Parties wishing to intervene in the Fort St. John Expansion Project hearing are requested to file submissions with the Board by 18 November 1994.

Parties wishing to intervene in the Grizzly Valley Expansion Project are requested to file submissions with the Board by 28 November 1994.

The Fort St. John Expansion Project application includes the new Aitken Creek Plant, installation of three compressor units, expansion of the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission System, and a request for a rolled-in toll for services provided by the proposed facilities.

The Grizzly Valley Expansion Project proposes construction and operation of a natural gas processing plant, a sulphur recovery plant, and a compressor station near Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia.

The Tumbler Ridge Gas Plant would be capable of processing 11.3 million cubic metres (400 million cubic feet) of raw gas per day.

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In addition to the gas and associated sulphur processing plants, Westcoast proposes to expand the capacity of its Grizzly Valley raw gas transmission system and to construct and operate the Tumbler Ridge Mainline, a transmission pipeline to transport residue gas processed at the Tumbler Ridge Gas Plant to the discharge side of Westcoast's Compressor Station No. 2 near Chetwynd, British Columbia.

Westcoast estimates the Grizzly Valley Expansion Project cost at \$672.6 million with a proposed in-service date of November 1996.

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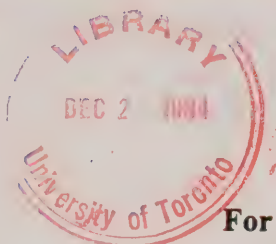
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NEB SETS HEARING FOR WESTCOAST ENERGY TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for tolls the company may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1995.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 13 March 1995 at 1 p.m. at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Persons wishing to intervene are required to do so by 15 December 1994.

In its application, dated 21 October 1994, Westcoast is requesting an overall toll increase of seven per cent from those charged in 1994.

The company, in estimating its 1995 cost of service, has used a rate of return on common equity of 12.75 per cent. The capital structure utilized in the application includes a common equity component of 35 per cent, which is unchanged from 1994. These two issues are being examined in the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing being held by the Board which commenced 24 October 1994.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB ISSUES SEVEN LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued seven licences to five companies to export, for periods ranging from 9 to 15 years, some 12 billion cubic metres (424 billion cubic feet) of natural gas over the term of the licences. The licences are subject to Governor in Council approval.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held from 12 September to 6 October 1994 (19 days) in Calgary.

The Board approved the applications described below.

CanStates Gas Marketing was issued two 15-year licences to export a total of 1 262 000 cubic metres (44.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Chevron Canada Resources was issued a 15-year licence to export 585 800 cubic metres (20.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Kingsgate, British Columbia. The natural gas will be used to fuel a proposed combined cycle electricity generating plant at Hermiston, Oregon.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. was issued a 9-year licence to export 140 000 cubic metres (4.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to AmGas Inc., a natural gas marketing company located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. was issued two 10-year licences to export a total of 208 000 cubic metres (7.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be sold to Bay State Gas Company, the largest independent gas distributor in New England, and Northern Utilities, Inc. a local distribution company serving communities in New Hampshire and Maine.

Western Gas Marketing Limited was issued a 9-year licence to export some 205 000 cubic metres (7.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba. The natural gas will be sold to Michigan Gas Utilities, a local distribution company in the State of Michigan.



The Board conducted an initial environmental screening of each of the applications to determine whether or not there is a necessary connection or proximity between the requirements of the applied-for export licences and any new upstream facilities or activities. The Board found in each case that there is no necessary connection between the requirements of the export licences and any new upstream facilities and activities. The Board, therefore, decided that no further environmental assessment was necessary.

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Note to Editors: See the attached table for more information.

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VOLUMES APPROVED**

Exporter/ Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
CanStates/ Hermiston	841.4 (29.7)	307.1 (10.8)	4 606.9 (162.6)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
CanStates/ Hermiston	420.7 (14.9)	153.5 (5.4)	2 303.2 (81.0)	From the date of the first deliveries for 15 years
Chevron/ Hermiston	585.8 (20.7)	214.4 (7.6)	3 210.0 (113.3)	Later of 1 July 1996 or the date of first deliveries for 15 years
Renaissance/ AmGas	140.0 (4.9)	51.1 (1.8)	460.0 (16.2)	From the date of Governor in Council approval to 31 October 2003
Renaissance/ Bay State	180.0 (6.4)	66.0 (2.3)	660.0 (23.3)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
Renaissance/ Northern Utilities	28.0 (1.0)	10.1 (0.4)	101.0 (3.6)	1 November 1995 to 31 October 2005
WGML/ Michigan Gas	205.0 (7.2)	75.0 (2.6)	675.0 (23.8)	From the date of Governor in Council approval to 31 October 2003
Measurements:	10 ³ m ³ : 10 ⁶ m ³ : MMcf: Bcf:	Thousand cubic metres Million cubic metres Million cubic feet Billion cubic feet		

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NEB APPROVES HYDRO-QUÉBEC APPLICATION TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has issued two permits to Hydro-Québec for the export of firm and interruptible electricity to the United States. The approved permits cover a period of 16 years, from 1 December 1994 to 31 December 2010. They allow Hydro-Québec to make exports under short-term contracts lasting a maximum period of five years without having to obtain a specific permit from the Board each time and in advance.

Permit EPE-64 authorizes Hydro-Québec to export up to 30 000 GW.h of interruptible energy in any consecutive 12-month period less the amount of energy exported under Permit EPE-65. EPE-65 authorizes Hydro-Québec to export up to 4 300 MW of firm power and up to 20 000 GW.h of firm energy in any 12-month period, less any energy exported under other authorizations issued by the Board, except under Permit EPE-64. These quantities include equichange, storage, adjustment and carrier transfers. In its 24 May 1994 application, Hydro-Québec had requested a 30-year blanket export permit and a maximum export quantity of 4 825 MW firm power.

The matter was dealt with by way of a written proceeding.

Notice of the application was published in the Canada Gazette and relevant newspapers on 2 July 1994. Thirteen interested parties filed written submissions.

Note to editor: See attached backgrounder for an explanation of the electricity export process.

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Hydro-Québec's application was processed in accordance with the National Energy Board's 7 July 1993 Memorandum of Guidance on Process Reforms Concerning Electricity Exports and International Power Line Applications, as amended. The *National Energy Board Act* allows exports of electricity to be authorized by permits without a public hearing unless the Board recommends that the Governor in Council designate the application for licensing, which would necessitate a public hearing.

After considering the application and written submissions from 13 intervenors, including environmental groups, several public utilities and various interest groups, the Board decided not to recommend to the Minister that the Governor in Council designate Hydro-Québec's application for licensing and issued two permits: EPE-64 and EPE-65.

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NEB TO RELEASE CANADIAN ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND TECHNICAL REPORT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will release on 15 December 1994 its *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand 1993-2010, Technical Report and Statistical Appendix*. These reports provide analytical details and support information arising from the Board's ongoing analysis of the supply and demand of energy commodities in Canada. A companion report, entitled *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand 1993-2010, Trends and Issues*, was released 28 July.

In this analysis, the Board has focused on the implications of:

- the impact of technological change on natural gas supply costs and in turn, the associated implications of the demand and supply of all energy commodities;
- evolving oil supply technologies and varying oil prices for Canadian oil supply;
- a more energy-intensive economy for energy demand; and
- more inter-utility planning of the electricity supply, together with open access to transmission facilities, for the pattern of electricity generation and trade.

A readership survey will be included with the report. The survey results will be used to assist the Board in deciding whether to continue producing *Canadian Energy Supply and Demand* reports. If the report continues to be produced, the survey will be used to help determine how it might be improved.

Copies of the *Technical Report* and *Appendix* will be available at the NEB offices in Calgary and at the release locations outlined below.

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NEB APPROVES CONSTRUCTION OF KAHNTAH PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta. The application was originally made 23 September 1994 by Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. (NCL), acting as agent for 3025811 Canada Ltd. On 16 November 3025811 Canada Ltd. notified the Board it had changed its name to Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd.

The construction will involve approximately 56 kilometres (34.7 miles) of 323.9 millimetre (12.6 inch) pipeline, complete with a metering facility, extending from the Home Oil Company Limited (Home) Kahntah field in northeastern British Columbia to connect to a NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility in Alberta. The proposed facilities, known as the Kahntah Pipeline Project, will enable natural gas produced and processed by Home from the new and currently unconnected Kahntah field, to be delivered to markets served by Home. The line has capacity to also transport gas from other producers as further development takes place in the Kahntah area.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$13.6 million. The company plans for construction to occur between December 1994 and March 1995, with an in-service date for the facilities of 1 April 1995.

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NEB ANNOUNCES SENIOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has offered the position of Executive Director of the Board to Mr. Gaétan Caron to replace Robin Glass, who became Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Strategic Planning and Consultation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada in September, 1994.

Mr. Caron has been employed at the NEB since his appointment as a junior engineer in 1979. He was, successively, Assistant Director, then Director of the Engineering Branch and Director of the Financial Regulation Branch. He has an engineering degree from Laval University and also holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa.

The Board also confirmed the appointment of J. Scott Richardson as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Richardson joined the Board in as a junior engineer in 1980, was appointed a chief in the Engineering Branch in 1988 and has been acting as the Secretary since May 1992. He graduated from The University of Ottawa with a B.Sc. in mechanical engineering.

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